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Clinton to announce upgrading of bilateral security ties

Weizman won't greet Clinton at airport

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton, arriving here tonight as a gesture of solidarity after four suicide bombings, is to announce tomorrow his intention to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) next month upgrading the security relationship between the two countries, officials say.

This would mark the first signing of such an executive agreement between the US and Israel in eight years.

Clinton departed yesterday for Sharm e-Sheikh to lead today's counter-terrorism "Summit of the Peacemakers," which he called "an important step in the process toward peace in the Middle East."

The MOU will be signed during Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to Washington on April 19, officials say. As part of it, Israel is expected to gain greater intelligence cooperation with the US, including access to high-resolution satellite photos that it has been denied in the past.

It remains unclear whether the MOU will involve Israel obtaining its own down-link satellite facility, something the US has denied Israel for many years.

The executive agreement would also enhance Israel's status as a major non-NATO ally, and will also include provisions of a US-Israel anti-terrorism package, which will include equipment and funding. Negotiations on this aspect of the agreement have already begun. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, CIA Director John Deutsch, and State Department special coordinator for the peace process Dennis Ross will all stay here after Clinton leaves Thursday to further discuss the anti-terrorism initiative.

The MOU falls short of a full-blown defense treaty between the two countries. Such a full-treaty has been sharply opposed by the defense establishment here, fearing its net effect would be to tie Israel's hands from retaliating unilaterally in the event of an attack.

The first MOU between the US and Israel was reached in 1981, but scuttled after Israel declared it would apply its sovereignty on the Golan Heights. A subsequent MOU, codifying strategic cooperation, was reached two years later. The last MOU was reached between Yitzhak Shamir and Ronald Reagan in 1988.

After today's conference, Peres is to fly with Clinton on Air Force One to Ben-Gurion Airport. Tonight, Clinton is to meet with President Ezer Weizman.

Weizman will not greet Clinton at the airport, because he thinks an official reception should be in Jerusalem, Israel Radio reported. American sources traveling with Clinton said he did not want an official Jerusalem reception, because it would imply American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The meeting with Weizman tonight will be informal.

Tomorrow morning, Clinton will participate in a symbolic cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, and hold his first meeting ever with Likud opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu, perhaps to counterbalance charges that his trip to Israel is being made to bolster Peres's sagging electoral fortunes after the four suicide bombings.

While in Jerusalem, Clinton will also hold a press conference, where he is expected to announce his intent to sign the MOU. From

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David Levy, Binyamin Netanyahu, and Rafael Eitan sign the agreement to field a joint ticket in the upcoming national elections.
Isaac Harari

Likud, Gesher complete deal for joint ticket

LIAT COLLINS, SARAH HONIG, and MICHAL YUDLEMAN

WITH three public handshakes, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and Gesher leader David Levy yesterday officially ended three years of bitter enmity and signed an agreement to run on a joint ticket in the upcoming elections.

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan, the other partner in the threesome, looked embarrassed as the two rivals played to the cameras recording the signing ceremony in the Knesset yesterday.

Despite the apparent reconciliation, the signing was postponed from noon to 4 p.m. while Likud officials pretended there was a technical hitch in printing the agreement. In fact, the parties were still working out the deal. One of the difficult clauses appears to be one preventing Netanyahu from firing Levy, No. 2 on the joint list.

The problem centered around phrasing the agreements with Tsomet and Gesher so that the policy planks in both agreements would mesh. There were technical hitches, typos, missing words, and slight discrepancies in the two versions of the new list's platform.

The signing ceremony was crowded not only with supporters; of the three parties, but also with members of rival parties who felt the union had to be seen to be believed. There were, however, some noticeable absences, including the deal's opponents, the so-called "Likud princes": Dan Meridor, Ze'ev Begin, Ehud Olmert, and Uzi Landau.

MK Ariel Sharon, who handled the negotiations between Netanyahu and Levy, looked happy and relieved. But many of the Likud MKs present left the room without raising a glass to toast the trilateral agreement, having seen their chances for a seat in the next Knesset diminish considerably due to the safe seats given to Tsomet and Gesher. Both Netanyahu and Levy stressed in their speeches that they had made an effort to bury their hatchets.

"The union is the only way to put the state on the road to a secure peace three years after an experiment [Oslo] which failed. We know it is essential because we saw what happened without unity," Netanyahu said, referring to the fractured voting which lost the Likud the last elections.

"There was a chasm and there are those who want to emphasize it," Levy said. "[But] we've come today to speak about tomorrow. And tomorrow starts now."

Eitan praised the union in a brief statement.

At the press conference following the ceremony, Netanyahu refused to say which government positions would go to Levy and Eitan if the joint party wins the election. Levy avoided answering a question on his intentions should they lose the elections.

Labor and Meretz reacted to the agreement with contempt. Labor issued a statement branding the agreement "a technical combination of people who lack minimal respect for each other. This is a list based solely on the lust of power, devoid of any serious, responsible political and social program."

Interior Minister Haim Ramon, one of Labor's election campaign heads, said "this agreement is bad for the state. It is an attempt by Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, David Levy, and Rafael Eitan to reach power. These are four men who despise each other and have no capability of working together."

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Hefetz: Hamas planning attack during Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN

HAMAS is planning a major terror attack aimed at marring the visit of US President Bill Clinton, which begins this afternoon, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday.

Hefetz said Israel had recommended to US officials that Clinton not visit the two Jaffa Road Hamas suicide bombing sites, for security reasons. The US officials apparently agreed, and Clinton will not lay wreaths at the sites, as originally planned.

"We have intelligence information showing that they will try to carry out a major attack. Hamas itself announced it plans an attack," Hefetz said. The intelligence information was not detailed, and it is unclear exactly where Hamas will try and attack, Hefetz added.

The inspector-general was speaking to reporters after a meeting of police brass in Jerusalem to

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Israel, Egypt disagree on goals of conference

Anti-terror parley today

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ON THE eve of this morning's unprecedented international anti-terrorism conference in Sharm e-Sheikh, Israel and Egypt differed over what sort of regional anti-terror consultative mechanism would be announced at the end of the parley, senior officials said.

The one-day conference, co-sponsored by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak and US President Bill Clinton and called the "Summit of the Peacemakers," will bring together representatives from 29 countries, all dedicated to fighting terrorism and promoting Middle East peace.

A US official underscored the symbolic importance of the conference, saying: "Statements from Arab leaders in the last few days have been explicit. They are opposing terrorism against Israel in a way that would have not been possible before the peace process. Arab leaders are also realizing that they have a common interest with Israel, as many of them are afflicted with the same terror."

Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Sudan were excluded from the conference, as they are considered "rogue states."

Syria and Lebanon have said they will not attend. Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabiriti, who arrived in Sharm e-Sheikh yesterday, denounced the boycott by Damascus, telling reporters it is "a political stand that does not bode well for the strategic option that they claim that they have made, which is peace."

Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan told Foreign Minister Ehud Barak in Amman that he favors the conference specifically listing countries supporting terrorism, including Syria. Sources say the US vetoed this idea, as it did not want to embarrass Damascus.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said Syria is "still sitting on the fence" between favoring peace and encouraging terrorism.

The final decision on the establishment of a regional mechanism against terror is expected to be made after a meeting this morning between Clinton and Mubarak before the conference begins.

Mubarak dispatched national security adviser Osama Baz to Jerusalem yesterday to consult with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Barak about the final communique. The communique was also the reason Barak flew to Amman, where the Hamas office there was also discussed.

Some non-Jordanians involved with the office have already been deported, a senior Israeli security official said.

"We would like the establishment of a very clear and concrete Arab-Israel consultative mechanism to deal with terror. On the other hand, Egypt would like to downplay it and not announce it publicly," a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said. "For us, such a mechanism is important, as it would give a regional security dimension to the peace process. While Israel already has a few bilateral security relationships with Arab states, such a body would be significant, as it would be multilateral."

Israel has bilateral security relationships with Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinians, and is known to have quiet security links with Morocco and Oman.

Barak said an agreement had not been reached on the type of mechanism to be established. He said he hoped that it could involve the establishment of a "Middle East

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Guest list

The official list of attendees at the "Summit of Peacemakers," according to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

US President Bill Clinton
Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak
Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres
Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat
Jordan's King Hussein
UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali
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French President Jacques Chirac
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Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa
Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien
German Chancellor Helmut Kohl
Irish Prime Minister John Bruton
Italian Prime Minister Lamberto Dini
Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda
Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
Mauritanian Prime Minister Cheikh El Afia Ould Mohamed Khouna
Morocco's King Hassan
Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland
Omani special representative Thewaini bin Shebab al-Said
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UK tour operators ban trips to capital, TA

DOUGLAS DAVIS
LONDON

BRITAIN'S leading tour operators have imposed a total ban on the sale of package holidays to Israel involving visits to Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

The operators, who control more than 90 percent of the British holiday package market, will offer customers who have already booked trips to Israel a cash refund or alternative vacation destinations. Eilat-only holidays are excluded from the ban.

The decision was made by the 18 constituent members of

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'Arafat can halt terror if he wants to'

LIAT COLLINS

PALESTINIAN Authority President Yasser Arafat's lack of action against the terror infrastructure in the autonomous areas and the Sharm e-Sheikh conference were the two main themes running through the report Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, head of the research division of military intelligence, presented to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Amidror had been invited to testify before a committee of the US Congress yesterday, but Prime Minister Shimon Peres vetoed his appearance.

Amidror's report to the committee, part of which was read from the written report he submitted to the congressional panel, made several points which Peres would find difficult to publicly agree with.

Although Amidror described the Sharm e-Sheikh conference as an achievement for bringing together some countries which had never discussed the terror issue before, he said "attention had been deflected from terror to the negotiations and the peace process."

"Any decision taken will completely lack teeth. If anyone expects something practical to come out of the conference, they are naive," he said according to an official briefing.

He said the conference served as a political cover for Arafat, who had stepped up detentions of terror suspects, but this could just be for the duration of the gathering.

Amidror noted that in the last 72 hours, the PA had arrested several senior politicians and terrorists and had entered mosques and seized weapons.

"He has hit at the infrastructure more than in the past, which only goes to prove what we said: He could do it if he wanted to.

"The Islamic Jihad is weak and, if Arafat chooses, it could be eradicated within a few days, but Hamas is difficult to get rid off. You can trim its branches, but you can't pull out its roots.

"The PA hasn't done enough to fight these organizations. Arafat could do it. He has public support after the elections and has strong security forces and an interest, but it's not clear whether he decided to cross the Rubicon. The possible reasons are that he doesn't see terror as a moral problem, but a political one.

"He doesn't see himself helping Israel beyond thwarting attacks. A bloodbath in Palestinian society is worse in his eyes than terror in Israel.

"Why he waited until now to detain the Hamas activists and until when he will carry on doing it, there are no answers."

Before Yihye Ayyash was killed, he prepared an infrastructure in Gaza, while Arafat denied he was there. All the explosives used in the recent attacks were prepared in Gaza, Amidror said.

He said Iran's level of support for the Palestinians is greater than its level of influence. "The Islamic Jihad is influenced by what Iran says, but Hamas is deeply rooted in Palestinian society. While it receives its support and training from Iran, Iran doesn't determine its policy."

Amidror said that since Israel has decided to negotiate with Arafat, it must refrain from actions which could unseat him.

"In the current circumstances, there are no other partners. If that alliance collapses, there will be utter chaos. We must strengthen Arafat, because he is the only one who can handle the Palestinians. A freeze in the negotiations could bring Arafat down."



Jordanian Prime Minister Abed el-Karim Kabriti (right) welcomes Foreign Minister Ehud Barak to Amman for a lightning visit yesterday. (Yitzhak Elbaraz/Scoop 80)

Barak, Amman coordinate anti-terror moves

MICHAL YUDELMAN

AMMAN

ISRAEL and Jordan yesterday decided to cooperate in their fight against terrorism by setting up a mechanism of joint consultations and information exchange.

This was decided during Foreign Minister Ehud Barak's lightning visit to Amman yesterday, when he met Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Abed el-Karim Kabriti to coordinate positions for the anti-terror conference at Sharm e-Sheikh.

Barak was accompanied by representatives of the General Security Service and the Mossad, who discussed with their Jordanian counterparts ways of acting against Hamas in Jordan.

In their statement after the meeting, Hassan and Barak said both countries see the anti-terror conference as an important event which will lead to practical steps to destroy terrorism.

Hassan condemned terrorist suicide attacks as being opposed to Islam and stressed that Jordan's peace agreement with Israel includes both states' obligation to fight against terrorism. He also sharply attacked countries which shelter terrorists, including Syria.

Barak commended Jordan for its firm and responsible acts against terrorism within it, emphasizing that "Jordan is not part of that bunch [the states harboring terrorists]. We have deep appreciation for what they are doing."

Olmert threatens to boycott Clinton visit

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert threatened a municipal boycott of US President Bill Clinton's visit if Clinton does not include a memorial event in the capital and the government does not cooperate more with the city in planning the visit.

Olmert ordered city schools not to send pupils to tomorrow's terror victims memorial ceremony in Tel Aviv.

The mayor also instructed municipal departments not to help in arrangements for the visit, such as announcing what roads will be closed and flying US flags on city streets.

Last night, Prime Minister Shimon Peres contacted Olmert in an effort to prevent the boycott, according to municipal sources.

Olmert had earlier sent an angry message to Peres alleging the government and Clinton were ignoring Jerusalem as much as possible during the visit in order to avoid angering the Palestinians, who also have claims on the city.

"Many of those killed in terrorist attacks over the past year were students from schools in Jerusalem. Our students deserve at least some attention," Olmert said in a statement.

The municipal spokesman said Olmert presented the Prime Minister's Office with a list of potential Jerusalem sites for a memorial service with Clinton, but said these were rejected and a Tel Aviv site was chosen instead.

"No reasonable answer was given [by the Prime Minister's Office] for their rejection," the spokesman said.

Olmert also charged that the government and police failed to include the municipality in the preparations for the visit – even in such issues as which roads would be shut down for security – and instead simply sent City Hall a list of instructions.

City officials said that in the past police, Foreign Ministry, and Prime Minister's Office representatives met with city representatives to schedule events and motorcade routes to minimize traffic tie-ups.

The municipality will not cooperate with the other authorities in handling the visit "until it is ensured that the visit will not cause hardships for the hundreds and thousands of city residents," the spokesman said.

The police spokesman recommended commuters "keep off the roads" as Clinton's visit will make it difficult to get to work or, for that matter, just about anywhere in Jerusalem this afternoon and in Tel Aviv tomorrow.

Clinton is scheduled to arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport around 5:30 p.m. He is set to leave tomorrow afternoon.

In the meantime, in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and points in-between, major traffic problems are expected as roads are closed for the presidential motorcade.

For traffic routes, see ad Page 4

Security finalized for Clinton's Tel Aviv visit

RAINE MARCUS

BEN-GURION Airport will come to a standstill this afternoon and Tel Aviv will grind to a halt tomorrow for US President Bill Clinton's visit.

Central District and Tel Aviv police and security forces finalized their arrangements yesterday for stringent measures for the visit.

Clinton is expected to arrive at Ben-Gurion from Sharm e-Sheikh this evening. A short ceremony will take place before he leaves for Jerusalem. The airport, main highway, and surrounding areas will be heavily guarded by police, Border Policemen, Civil Guard volunteers, and the IDF.

Preparations began yesterday, with 1,000 policemen in the central district alone on full alert.

Security forces will also patrol along the Green Line in the central district, following warnings of terror attacks.

During Clinton's Tel Aviv visit police are expected to seal off all streets near the Tel Aviv Museum from the early morning hours.

Cars will not be allowed to park in the area where Clinton is scheduled to speak to high school students, near the museum. He is not expected to visit Kikar Rabin, nor the site of the Dizengoff Center bombing.

Congressmen demand Arafat get tough

HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

THE House International Relations Committee yesterday called on Yasser Arafat to take greater steps to fight terror, intimating they would consider cutting off US aid to the Palestinians.

The PLO's local representative here, Hassan Abdel Rahman, came under a barrage of criticism for the PA's performance against Hamas. It was the first time a PLO official had ever testified on Capitol Hill.

Asked by Rep. Eliot Engel whether Arafat had called Yihye Ayyash a "martyr," Rahman said he had never heard that said, and that Engel's question was the first he knew of it. Rahman said that if Arafat had indeed called Ayyash a "martyr," it was only because the English translation had been wrong.

Rahman conceded the PA had used tax money to rebuild homes of terrorists that the IDF destroyed, but had done so because such acts represented cruel and collective punishment.

He also accused the Israeli extremist group Eyal of cooperating with Islamic Jihad and Hamas. Rahman said he knew nothing about Arafat releasing security suspects soon after arrest, and that in any case he does not rely on newspaper reports of such incidents.

BRITISH

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Britain's Federation of Tour Operators and conveyed to Israeli officials over the weekend by Alan Flook, secretary-general of Britain's Federation of Tour Operators.

It followed the recent bombings that had prompted a relatively mild travel advisory by the British Foreign Office. According to the advisory, there are no direct threats to tourists, but it counseled visitors: "Using experienced tour operators/local taxi drivers minimizes risks."

Flook told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the operators were acting to reduce the risks to themselves, as they would be responsible if vacationers were killed or injured on excursions to destinations which the operators knew to involve dangers.

He insisted Israel is not being treated any differently from other countries, citing a recent similar ban on the sale of package holidays to Sri Lanka following domestic upheavals there. "We think Israel is a super place to go to," said Flook, "but we have to look over our shoulder."

According to Flook, the response from Israeli officials was "stronger than I have ever experienced from any other country." "If there are no more bombings and the situation calms down, I would expect the excursions to be started again soon," he said. "This is what we all want."

It is unknown how seriously the ban will affect the 330,000 British tourists who visit Israel each year – 75 percent of whom visit Jerusalem and Tel Aviv – but Israel Government Tourist Office director Eliezer Hod told the *Post* yesterday the cancellation rate is low. However, he was outraged by the decision. "We don't understand the action they have taken. It is quite inexplicable," he said.

Israel Tour Operators Association chairman Avi Friedman expressed "shock" at the decision and noted that is organization had not issued negative travel advice to Israelis visiting London, despite recent IRA bombings. "We have, in fact, encouraged and promoted London as a prime tourist destination in these difficult times," he told his British counterparts in a message yesterday. "We would have expected similar support from our travel colleagues and implore you to review your action."

Army allows flour, produce into Gaza

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and JON IMMANUEL

THE army is allowing more than 80 trucks filled with flour and produce to enter the Gaza Strip from Egypt, and has ordered troops not to delay sick people seeking medical treatment in Israel, provided they get approval, an official said yesterday.

Israel also plans today to reopen the Karni crossing, through which the Dizengoff suicide bomber was smuggled in, to allow food and other supplies to reach Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, said Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for the government coordinator in the territories.

"Once increased security arrangements are complete, then we'll start using Karni crossing again," he said. "You have to remember that terrorists have taken advantage of Israeli humanitarianism."

He added that the two Beit Lid bombers posed as blind people to enter into Israel.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said the strict closure will not continue much longer.

"The closure was aimed at giving people a sense of security," Orr said during a tour of Jordan Valley settlements. "The question is how long can we maintain this kind of closure. People have to eat, and they have to work. Until now, it has proven itself, but over time we will have to ease it."

Meanwhile, an IDF major will face court-martial in connection with the death of Shaker Sharahni, 2, whose parents were held up at a road block for nearly an hour while taking him from their home in Kalkilya to a hospital in Tulkarm.

"There was a screw up and that is being investigated," said Lt.-Col. Danny Tirza, an assistant to OC Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir.

"The officer was not sensitive enough to the problem and will face disciplinary action," he said, adding an army investigation revealed there was no direct link between the officer's behavior and the baby's death.

The army is also investigating the death of twins, born prematurely after their mother was delayed at an army roadblock as she was being taken from the village of Nahalin to a hospital in Bethlehem.

In Gaza, last week's rallies against terror have become this week's rallies against the closure, which Palestine Authority President Yasser Arafat denounced as "an unhumanitarian act." Palestinians also demonstrated in Ramallah and Jericho.

"We have already denounced terror, so why does Israel maintain collective punishment against us?" asked Mohammed Kidwa, head of the Gaza chamber of commerce.

"We want milk for our children and medicine for our sick," said banners in Gaza City.

Marwan Barghouti, who heads Fatah in the West Bank, called the closure "Israeli terrorism."

The switch from condemning Hamas terrorism to attacking Israeli countermeasures could erode the PA's resolve to crack down on Hamas. In a Palestinian poll, which said 5 percent support the suicide attacks of the last 10 days, another 15% said they oppose them, but "understand the reason."

"They are trying to squeeze us and to continue this collective punishment against all our people, all our workers, all our children, against all our families. It is an unhumanitarian act," Arafat said, before the new IDF measures were announced to ease the food shortages caused by the closure.

LIKUD

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Labor's statement emphasized the things which Levy and Eitan have said in the past about Netanyahu, saying this proves the Likud does not have a worthy candidate for prime minister.

Minister Yossi Sarid, of Meretz, said Levy and Eitan "made the bargain of a lifetime in the agreement, because by themselves they are not worth all the mandates they got in the agreement with the Likud. As traders, they did fine. As men of state, that's another question. Eitan and Levy will be the first to run to Peres to get positions in his new government."

Levy was attacked yesterday mainly by left-leaning figures, such as ex-Hadash MK Charlie Biton, who claimed to speak for the poor and who argued that Levy abandoned the have-nots.

A small number of them gathered yesterday in an attempt to set up a new party. They promised to stage demonstrations against Levy, circulate anti-Levy petitions, flood the media with critical articles, and even field a new ticket to take the place of Gesher at the vanguard of the socio-economic lobby.

Levy's brother Maxim yesterday dismissed "these people who cheered us when they thought we were out to hurt the Likud and who now heap abuse upon us because they see us as banding together with the Likud.

The three parties still must approve the agreement. The Likud central committee is to meet next week to do so.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Prof. Avi Shmida will speak on: "Flower Economics."

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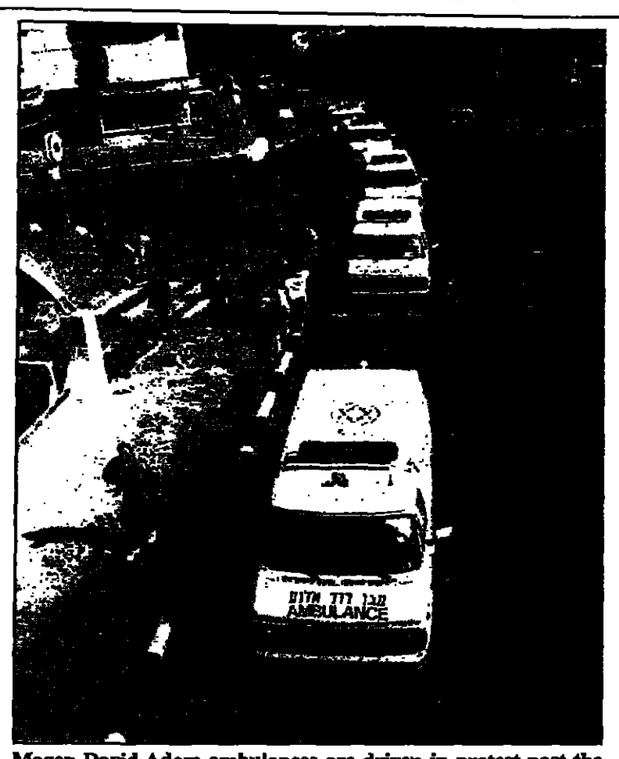
EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee will allocate some of the 1996 budget funds to improving infrastructure in eastern Jerusalem, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) said yesterday.

Gal also asked the government to prepare a five-year plan to close the gap between services in the eastern and western parts of the city. Giving equal services to all the city's inhabitants is the key to keeping the capital united under Israel's control, he said.

In a document submitted to the committee, the Jerusalem Municipality said it would need some NIS 55 million from the government to complete the work it wants to do in the eastern part of the city this year. In total, it wants to spend some NIS 198 million there.Over a five-year period, the city said, it will need some NIS 300m., not including the money needed to build an extra 325 classrooms or any money needed to expropriate land for roads or classrooms. This includes about NIS 200m. to build roads, NIS 52.3m. to improve the water supply, and NIS 79m. for sewage and drainage. However, the city said, it does not have enough money to handle all these projects itself, so the government will have to help. According to the city, one of the most serious problems in improving infrastructure has been the lack of planning so the city has been forced to waste money on temporary roads rather than being able to build permanent ones. Lack of planning has also impeded efforts to improve the water supply and sewage systems. There are still large sections of east Jerusalem with no sewage system at all, and many existing sections need to be replaced, the city said.

"The city's basic assumption is that, as a united city under Israeli sovereignty, we have a responsibility to create equality among all parts of the city," the document said. However, it noted that the city cannot handle the financial burden with cooperation and assistance from the government.



Magen David Adom ambulances are driven in protest past the site of the Dizengoff Center bombing yesterday. (Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

MDA workers to begin sanctions on Sunday

JUDY SIEGEL

UNLESS the government allocates NIS 7 million to pay for 68 medics to accompany Magen David Adom ambulance drivers at night, MDA workers will begin sanctions on Sunday that could lead to the shutdown of the organization. This was announced yesterday by the MDA workers' union, which met at its headquarters to discuss their demands.

Yesterday, MDA workers refused to collect blood, transport hospital patients home, or give first-aid courses. The sanctions were meant to last only 24 hours, but they will be resumed, and intensified, unless the money is found.

During the day, ambulance drivers/medics are accompanied by volunteers and women doing national service, but at night, they are alone, and find it impossible to resuscitate patients while driving them to the hospital.

Health Minister Ephraim Sneh has proposed that soldiers be specially trained to serve as night medics, but the Histadrut and the MDA union oppose this, arguing that they would be cheap labor and less-qualified than professional medics. The union said it would agree to the use of soldiers only in ambulances in the territories.

A union spokesman said training soldiers to work as medics would cost money and take time; but more importantly, soldiers would be replacing qualified MDA staffers who have been dismissed due to budgetary cutbacks.

Sneh will meet with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and MDA officials on Sunday, before the cabinet meeting, to discuss the demands.

Off-duty staff parked 20 ambulances outside MDA headquarters yesterday.

After the general meeting, they drove slowly past three past terror attack sites in Tel Aviv to demonstrate the vital work they have done to save lives. They may do the same in Jerusalem next week.

Commission: MKs' car allowances not pensionable

EVELYN GORDON

MKS' car allowances should not be pensionable, the Rosen-Zvi Commission decided yesterday in a reversal of its previous position.

The commission had recommended a wide-ranging reform on MKs' pensions, which was approved by the Knesset House Committee on Monday. The main point of the reform was that MKs should only accumulate pension rights worth 2% of their salaries a year, like ordinary citizens, instead of the 4% a year they have accumulated until now. However, it also stipulated that car allowances and car insurance payments should be made pensionable.

The Treasury objected strenuously, saying this would increase MKs' pensionable salaries by some 29.5%, or NIS 3,880 a month, and would therefore drive up salaries for some 3,000 public-sector workers whose wages are linked to those of MKs. It therefore asked the commission to reconsider its decision.

After doing so, the commission yesterday announced it had reversed its stand. In a letter to the House Committee, chairman Ariel Rosen-Zvi said the commission's original decision had been based on a mistaken belief that, under the recommendations of the Zussman Committee on public-sector wages, car allowances would be pensionable for the entire public sector.

Furthermore, Rosen-Zvi said, the commission had underestimated the degree to which this change would inflate public-sector wages. After seeing that the Treasury's fears on this score were reasonable, the commission changed its mind, he said.

Service for Oscar van Leer

DUTCH industrialist and philanthropist Oscar van Leer, who had been instrumental in a variety of initiatives here, died on February 19. A memorial service for him will be held tomorrow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, which he presided over for many years.

Van Leer founded the Oldelft Optical Industry in 1939 and later managed his family's business, which produced packaging products. The business's profits are given to the Bernard van Leer Foundation of the Hague, which sponsors educational and welfare activities in 40 countries.

In addition to his charitable activities, Van Leer maintained an office in Scheveningen dedicated to encouraging Dutch business involvement in Israel.With Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, Van Leer established the Sor-Van Radiation Ltd. in Yavne and his Oldelft Optical established the Electro-Optical industry in Rehovot.He was an honorary citizen of Jerusalem and a past president of the Anti-Defamation League's European branch.

Queen Beatrix knighted him and later awarded him the Honorary Medal for Ingenuity and Energetic Activity. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Polish president to block shopping center next to Auschwitz

LIAT COLLINS

POLISH President Aleksander Kwasniewski yesterday promised Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss he would do everything possible to thwart plans to build a shopping and entertainment center next to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Kwasniewski phoned Weiss at the Knesset following the protest letter Weiss sent him Monday, in which he decried plans to establish the complex next to the site "which more than any other symbolizes the Jewish Holocaust."

The president said having received Weiss's letter and other protests he intended to address the Polish people on radio last night and do everything possible to stop the shopping complex from being built.

Gaza man indicted for Beit Lid bombings

ABDEL Khalim Balbisi, 28, of Gaza was indicted yesterday in Lod Military Court for planning the Beit Lid bombings. The indictment also included other charges, among them membership and activity in an illegal organization.

According to the indictment, Balbisi, a clothes merchant, was convinced by colleague Iman Razeineh to join the Islamic Jihad's military arm towards the end of 1994. In December 1994, Balbisi agreed to Razeineh's request to help smuggle two Islamic Jihad members into Israel for a suicide attack.

Razeineh allegedly later showed Balbisi a map indicating three potential sites for the attack – the Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Beit Lid junctions, all areas where many soldiers waited for rides.

Balbisi also allegedly offered the use of his warehouse to store the explosives. Razeineh and another man then brought Balbisi three backpacks full of explosives, adding a plastic bottle full of gasoline and nails to make them even more deadly.

Three suicide bombers were to have been involved, with the first attacking and the others waiting until a sufficient number of people gathered at the spot before blowing themselves up.

On January 21, 1995, Razeineh allegedly gave Balbisi the explosives, asking him to take them to Tulkarm, along with IDF uniforms for the suicide bombers. Balbisi picked up two of the bombers the next day near Ashdod; the third bomber did not show up.

Anwar Sukar and Salah Mahmed, the two suicide bombers, allegedly changed into the army clothes and boots in Balbisi's car, and he helped them put on the explosives before dropping them off at Beit Lid. Balbisi denied any connection to the charges and said statements were taken from him under pressure.

The court ordered him held until the completion of proceedings against him.

(Itim)

Ethiopian culture museum opens in Tel Aviv

BATSHEVA TSUR

BAHALACHIN, the Institute for Ethiopian Jewish Culture, was officially dedicated last night at a festive ceremony in Tel Aviv.

The institute, set up by the immigration cabinet in December 1992 and funded by the government, is dedicated to the heritage of Beita Yisrael and will encourage original works of art among members of the community. It aims to familiarize the general public with the cultural heritage of Ethiopian Jews.

Bahalachin ("our culture" in Amharic) is situated temporarily at 6 Simtat Beit Hashoeva, but will later move to permanent quarters in Ramat Aviv.

A library donated by the late Richard and Juliette Gutmann of Strassbourg was also opened at the site. It contains written documentation about Ethiopian Jewry from all over the world and is open to researchers and the general public. It will also encourage original research into the community's heritage and provide scholarships for Ethiopian-born students.

The library also contains a video section, where oral histories and folk music have been recorded, and a computerized genealogical section.

The museum is headed by former Beit Hatefutsoth director Dr. Eli Ben-Gal and most of the staff are Ethiopians.

Last night's ceremony was attended by Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, MK Emanuel Zissman, head of the Knesset Immigration Committee, kessim, and other leaders of the Beita Yisrael community.

Man arrested for forgery is wrongly released lifer

RAINE MARCUS

A resident of Rahat arrested Sunday for forging identity cards for Palestinians was mistakenly released from prison a decade ago instead of serving a life sentence for murder, police said yesterday.

The foul-up was revealed during Naif Bahiri's remand hearing yesterday following his arrest by the Tel Aviv fraud squad.

In 1979 Bahiri was convicted of robbery by a district court and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. He was acquitted of a murder charge, but the district attorney appealed and Bahiri was convicted by the Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment.

But according to police, court officials forgot to fill in and sign the documents that he had been imprisoned for life. Bahiri was sent to prison for the robbery offenses and was released after seven years, after receiving a reduction for good behavior.

When he was arrested this week, police checked the central computer and realized that Bahiri should in fact be in prison for murder. He was remanded for nine days for the forgery offenses.

Abraham Fund to bestow record award

The Abraham Fund is to award a record sum of $ 826,000 this year to 68 programs and projects for promoting coexistence between Jews and Arabs here. The fund was established in 1989 by New York businessman and philanthropist Alan Slifka.

"We see a special importance in advancing the declared goals in these difficult days in which relations, cooperation, and mutual trust between Jewish and Arab citizens are being put to the test," said Rachelle Schilo, director of the fund's recently opened Israeli branch. The grants are to be awarded at a special ceremony in Haifa tonight.

David Rudge

Israel Needs a New Policy Not an International Fig Leaf

Israel needs a new policy to achieve peace and security, not an international fig leaf for the failed "peace process"

The Sharem el Sheik Summit was initially touted as an international conference on co-operation in the fight against terrorism. First the organizers internationalized terrorism to remove the focus from Arab terrorism. Then the conference's intended purpose became "saving the peace process".

Indeed, the two are mutually exclusive. Terrorism, Palestinian Arab terrorism, cannot and will not be fought as long as the **Oslo** peace process continues. The Oslo agreements with the PLO have been the result of a process predicated on the notion of a new Middle East which does not exist other than in the mind of Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The policies of the present Israeli government have destroyed Israel's intelligence capability, emasculated the Israel Defense Forces and legitimated the world's premiere terrorist organization for over 25 years - the PLO, and its head, the Godfather of international terror, Yasser Arafat. This does not foster peace, it breeds terrorism and warfare.

The facts speak for themselves.

1. In the 2 1/2 years prior to the signing of the Oslo Agreement (March 9, 1991 to September 8, 1993) 99 Israelis were killed by Palestinian terrorists. In the 2 1/2 years since the signing (September 9. 1993 to March 8, 1996) 213 Israelis have been slaughtered by Palestinian terrorists in Israel.* An increase of over 100%.

2. The four worst years of Arab terror since 1967 in which the largest number of Israelis were killed or maimed were the past four years under the Labor/Meretz government, 1994, 1996, 1993, 1995 - in that order.

The "Peace process" has brought only death and destruction, pain and suffering. No international conference committed to its continuation can fight terrorism. Only a new government led by **Benjamin Netanyahu**, which seeks peace in a rational and responsible fashion can bring real peace-by truly fighting Arab terrorism at the same time. Not with a charade of proclamations, handshakes, staged productions and international festivals are peace and security achieved, but rather with the sober understanding of unpleasant realities and with the patience and the courage to act.

* These are the official statistics of "Peace Watch" and include attacks in Yesha, The number of victims include foreign visitors to Israel and Arabs who were killed in attacks aimed at murdering Jews.

Israeli Citizens for Change and The Yesha Council

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Jerusalem Municipality — Israel Police

Traffic Arrangements
for the arrival of the President of the United States in Jerusalem

The Municipality of Jerusalem and the Jerusalem Police welcome the President of the United States Mr. Bill Clinton to Israel and to its capital Jerusalem.

We apologize that due to security considerations and the need to ensure the well being of the president and his entourage there will be traffic restrictions throughout the city, from Wednesday, Adar 22, 5756, (13.3.96) at 19:00 till
Thursday, Adar 23, 5756, (14.3.96), in the afternoon.

All streets used by the presidential motorcade will be closed 45 minutes before it passes through. No parking will be allowed on these streets.

All cars parked on these streets will be towed to the Israel Museum's parking lot.

If you believe your car may have been towed, dial 100 for information.

PARKING IS FORBIDDEN IN THESE PARKING LOTS:

Wednesday (13.3.96) from early morning till late at night
all parking lots around the President's Residence, around the Laromme Hotel and around the Jerusalem Theater.

Thursday (14.3.96) from 06:00 till 14:00 the area around Mount Herzl
from 06:00 till 11:00 all the parking lots around the Prime Minister's Office (this also applies to all workers.)
from 06:00 to 12:00 the Jerusalem International Convention

THESE ROUTES WILL CLOSE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS:

Wednesday (13.3.96) **from 19:00 to 20:45**
the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway, the main entrance to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, Sderot Zalman Shazar, Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Rehov Aza, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Kikar Plumer, Rehov Jabotinsky, and Rehov Hanasi.
Note: Along all of the above mentioned roads parking will be forbidden from early in the morning.

Thursday (14.3.96) **from 09:00 to 09:30-**
Rehov Jabotinsky, Kikar Plumer, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Aza, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Derech Rupin, Tsomet Haminhala, and the Prime Minister's Office.
from 10:30 to 11:30-
Prime Minister's Office, Tsomet Haminhala, Derech Rupin, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Sderot Ben-Zvi.
from 11:30 to 12:00-
Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Rehov Aza, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Kikar Plumer, and Rehov Jabotinsky.
from 13:00 to 14:00-
Kikar Plumer, Rehov Keren Hayesod, Rehov Ramban, Rehov Aza, Rehov Herzog, Rehov Bezalel Bezeq, Rehov Shmuel Bayit, Sderot Herzl, and Mount Herzl.
from 14:00-
Sderot Herzl, Rehov Shmuel Bayit, Rehov Bezalel Bezeq, Rehov Herzog, Sderot Haim Hazaz, Sderot Ben-Zvi, Sderot Zalman Shazar, Ginot Sacharov, Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway.

Note: At 14:00 the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Highway will be closed in both directions.

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The roads involved will open as soon as the convoy passes.

Dear Citizens,
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For further information call the 24-hour Municipality hotline 106.

Information and Public Relations Department.

China flexes muscles in Taiwan war games

WILLIAM KAZER
TAIPEI

CHINA began new war games in the Taiwan Strait yesterday in a show of force that used jets and warships to drive home its warning to Taiwan not to seek independence.

While Beijing flexed its military muscles, it also cautioned Washington not to give Taiwan's government – which does not advocate independence – the impression that any such move would have US support.

China's exercises involved 10 warships and at least 10 planes on bombing and interception missions, according to Taiwan's Defense Ministry.

"They [the exercises] began around noon," a Defense Ministry official told Reuters.

The exercises, which followed Chinese missile tests begun off Taiwan last Friday, are due to last until just three days before Taiwan's first direct presidential election on March 23.

US Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord said late on Monday that the American naval buildup was meant to "reassure our friends in the area that we have a big stake in the stability and peace of that region."

A newspaper poll released in Taiwan yesterday showed that most Taiwanese believe the US would help in case of attack.

China has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province since the end of a civil war in 1949, and vows to use force if Taiwan drops a pledge to reunify and announces independence.

Beijing fears that President Lee Teng-hui, the frontrunner in the island's first direct election for president, is pushing to make Taiwan independent.

Lee denies this, saying he only wants a bigger international role for Taiwan, more in line with its considerable economic clout.

(Reuter)

Loyalists warn IRA: We'll fight

BELFAST (Reuter) - Pro-British Protestant guerrillas have issued a warning saying they were ready to retaliate against a renewed campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland by their rivals, the Irish Republican Army.

"We are poised and ready to strike to effect," the Combined Loyalist Military Command, an umbrella group of Protestant guerrillas in Northern Ireland, said. "We will give blow for blow. As in the past, whatever the cost, we will gladly pay it."

In a statement, the group did not specifically say Protestant guerrillas would end a cease-fire called in October 1994 a few weeks after the IRA had called its own truce.

Protestant extremists, known as Loyalists because they are "loyal" to British rule, had withstood provocation in the shape of four bombs in London in the five weeks since the IRA ended its cease-fire, the statement said.

Minutes after it declared an end to its 17-month cease-fire, the IRA set off a bomb in London's Docklands district, killing two people and injuring 100. Ten days later police defused a second bomb and a third went off on a bus, killing the IRA guerrilla who was carrying it.

A fourth IRA bomb exploded in a rubbish bin in West London's Earl's Court area early on Saturday, but no one was hurt.

"From a position of confidence, strength and sophistication, we have withstood the recent provocation of IRA bombs on the mainland which have killed our innocent British fellow citizens," the Loyalist statement said.

"These atrocities cannot be permitted to continue without a telling response from this source."

It said threats of war would not lessen Protestants' resolve that Northern Ireland remain part of Britain.

SA massacre survivor hid in cupboard; Buthelezi says conscience clear

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) – Survivors of a 1987 massacre that has brought some of white-ruled South Africa's most powerful men to trial described yesterday cowering in fear as gunmen slaughtered people in the next room.

Meanwhile, Zulu nationalist leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, named in court documents as squarely behind the training of fighters who carried out the killings, said he had "a very clear conscience about it."

Chilling testimony from the survivors came a day after former Defense Minister Magnus Malan and 19 others, including top former generals, denied charges of murder, attempted murder and conspiracy.

Their trial is the biggest of top apartheid officials since Nelson Mandela was elected South Africa's president in 1994.

J.P. Opperman, a former military intelligence officer and key prosecution witness, told the court yesterday that he took up duties in 1986 as second-in-command of a secret operation to train recruits from Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party at a base in South-West Africa, now Namibia.

Senior officers informed him the trainees would be released "to f— up the African National Congress," Opperman said, the most direct testimony yet supporting accusations that the military hierarchy headed by Malan fomented violence.

The trial stems from the massacre of 13 people by military-trained gunmen belonging to Inkatha. The squad had targeted Victor Ntuli, an activist allied to the rival African National Congress.

Ntuli wasn't at his home near Durban, but the squad killed 13 of his relatives and friends who were. They included eight children and teenagers.

One survivor, Anna Khumalo, 34, said that she and her four-year-old child hid in a cupboard as people were shot in another room. Khumalo cowered in the cupboard until dawn, too terrified to answer the cries of a child whose mother had been killed. She later found the child asleep on top of a corpse.

How Dole might have to deal with Buchanan

COMMENT

ROBERT BECKEL

LOS ANGELES - There is now little doubt that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole will be the Republican presidential nominee. But there is a great deal of doubt about what the nomination is worth.

Dole will inherit a party that is bloodied and battered. No recent campaign has been as nasty as this, and until and unless Dole can make peace with Patrick Buchanan, his nomination could prove worthless.

Making peace with Buchanan is easier said than done. In a 24-hour period last week, Buchanan referred to Dole as a "bellhop for the business round-table," "empty vessel" and "clueless." Not exactly the words you use among friends.

But lest we forget, it was Dole and his establishment elephants that started the name-calling. After New Hampshire, Dole referred to Buchanan as an extremist and dangerous. Former Education Secretary William Bennett called Buchanan worse names and then went so far as to say he wouldn't support him against President Clinton.

So it is in this climate that Dole must reach an accommodation with Buchanan. Good luck! He might have a better shot at getting Roseanne and Tom Arnold back together.

The job of *detente* becomes more difficult as Dole begins the process of convincing Colin Powell to reverse himself and run for vice president. The Dole camp says the list is long yeah, right. There is only one candidate who can help Dole's vision-challenged campaign, and that is Powell. Any other names you hear are chopped liver. Powell could be persuaded to take the job after all, it's the fastest and safest route to the top job, since, at Dole's age, more than one term is unlikely.

But enter Buchanan. He has made it abundantly clear that Powell is unacceptable to Buchanan and his peasant brigades. Buchanan critics say that, at best, he will have only 20 percent to 25 percent of the convention delegates in San Diego if he stays in the race (he will), and that Dole can put anyone on the ticket he wants. Not so fast. Not only can 25 percent of delegates cause real trouble, they also reflect a fiercely loyal constituency that Buchanan has developed.

Dole needs Buchanan voters to beat Clinton in November. These are people who were fiercely loyal to Ronald Reagan but highly suspicious of the insider Dole. Many are former or current disaffected Democrats, who could swing back if Buchanan is mugged in San Diego.

So what can Dole do to reach an accommodation with Buchanan? Some hard-learned suggestions:

- To begin, he should ask to meet with Buchanan and agree to a cease-fire, even apologize publicly for some of the anti-Buchanan remarks. Dole should recognize that Buchanan has had a history of being a good Republican and wants to beat Clinton. He should remind Buchanan that without his help, that would be difficult.
- He should remind Buchanan that a third party or a Ross Perot campaign would almost certainly end the GOP's revolution of '94; and if Buchanan participated, he would be a man without a party.
- He should give Buchanan the pro-life plank he wants in the party platform. Except for true believers – and pro-lifers are true believers – platforms mean little. It is a small price to pay.
- Develop fair trade and corporate downsizing planks for the platform that reflect Buchanan's concerns but don't sell out Dole's beliefs.
- Give Buchanan a prime-time convention speech.
- Finance a Buchanan fall campaign to rally his supporters behind Dole.

All this may or may not work, but it's worth a try. The alternative is a disaster. Buchanan and his supporters are not going away – and the establishment better stop calling them names and give them a key to the castle.

Beckel, a political analyst on CBS, served as campaign manager for Walter Mondale in 1984.
(Los Angeles Times)

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PA countenances terror to avoid being target

Murderous plots were hatched while Israel blithely took the PA's cooperation for granted, **Nadav Ha'etzni** writes

LAST month, on the third Friday in Ramadan, Sheikh Hamed Bitawi preached the main sermon in the Temple Mount mosques.

Hundreds of thousands of people from all over Judea, Samaria and Gaza, granted entry permits to Jerusalem by the IDF, clustered at his feet, thirstily drinking in his every word.

The sheikh, a resident of autonomous Nablus and a leader of the Hamas expellees of 1991, wasted no words. Voicing the standard repertoire of anti-Israel incitement, he called for combating Israel and those who sell land to Israelis, and urged the Palestinian Authority (PA) to impose Islamic law on Palestine.

When he appealed to the assembled crowds with great pathos and said, "Let whoever is in favor of Islamic rule raise his hand," an endless sea of hands was raised.

The story of Sheikh Batawi casts some light on the question that baffles most of the Israeli public: how we suddenly arrived at the wrenching bereavement of the last few weeks.

His story reveals the odd triangular relationship which had taken shape between the Israeli government, the PA and Hamas until just before the last wave of bombings. In the shadow of this relationship, the murderous plots that so shook the public and our leadership were hatched.

Sheikh Batawi is one of the most extreme ideologues among the Hamas leaders in Judea and Samaria. He was nevertheless enlisted by the PA, given a very senior, high-salaried position in the Palestinian Ministry of Religion, and made deputy "kadi of all the kadis."

That Batawi has not made the slightest change in his political and theological thinking and, some claim, not even in his ties with cells of Izzadin Kassam, did not prevent the PLO leader from tightly embracing him, intending to make him moderate his criticisms of the PA. Yasser Arafat bought political silence, and Batawi bought creative silence.

Batawi's closeness to the ruling power is part of Arafat's policy of keeping Hamas guns aimed as far away as possible from the PA's senior officials, but not necessarily away from the Israeli public.

It is all done with courtesy, while adopting – at least superficially – some of the new allies' central tenets.

SOME OF the venerable sheikhs were simply bought with money and positions, without being asked to change their attitudes toward Israel.

For example, Talal Sidar, one of the 1991 expellees, is now in charge of an influential Islamic association in Hebron whose offices were sealed last Tuesday evening. Or Taisir Tamimi, head of the Shari'a court in Hebron and high up in the Shari'a system in Judea and Samaria.

Recently, Arafat and Tamimi appeared together in Dura, a town on the ridge south of Hebron. They stood together on the platform, jovially clasping hands.

This week, Sheikh Jamil Hamami's name was mentioned as the main address for Hamas activity in Jerusalem – the same Hamami who in January 1995 spoke at the Abu Dis campus, whose buildings were also raided last week.

He said then, "Those who don't know us think that we are not active. We have taught this generation that rights are taken by force, not by pleading.

"Yes, the time has come for the explosion, the stage of preparation is over. Gentlemen, we have not forgotten for a single day Jerusalem. Haifa, Jaffa ... and all of Palestine. The road is very, very long, but you must continue on it until victory or death for Allah. My wish is to die as a martyr."

Hamami made this speech at a meeting to protest a previous Israeli raid on the campus. At the same meeting, Abu Ala (Ahmed Qreia), one of the "moderates" in the Palestinian leadership, also made a savage speech. Yasser Arafat spoke to the participants by amplified telephone, as usual.

After this, Hamami was put on trial in an Israeli court, and – surprise! – it was the PA which funded his defense. Afterwards, he was drawn into the inner circle at Orient House and became a regular participant at Faisal Husseini's meetings. He was also present at the sessions of the body calling itself Passia, in which the future of Jerusalem was discussed with Israel's Oslo veterans Ron Pundak and Yair Hirshfeld.

Hamami was even mentioned as one of the leaders of the joint National list in the elections to the Palestinian Council in Jerusalem, which Arafat tried unsuccessfully to form.

IN THE last few weeks there has been an unending stream of accusations against Arafat by senior Israeli officers and politicians. Suddenly we hear that Arafat has not fulfilled his commitments in the security sphere.



Anti-Israel proclamations continue to be made on the Temple Mount, but now the preacher is employed by Arafat. (Brian Hendler)

Every interviewed army officer now reveals that until a few days ago Arafat had not been making arrests or holding trials, and that when he does do something it is usually just for show.

The show was still going on last week. Most of those arrested in Gaza were minor figures, and certainly not leaders of terrorist organizations. Even the "peace demonstrations" orchestrated by the Palestinian Authority turned into anti-Israeli demonstrations.

In Nablus, the demonstrators were mostly protesting the Israel-produced "starvation and curfew."

Nor should anyone be impressed by the life sentence meted out last Tuesday to Mohammed Abu Warda, who had enlisted the network of suicide bombers in Ramallah. The security services know that all the terrorists sentenced to long imprisonment in the PA's special courts as a result of Israeli pressure are free today.

The PA leadership has acted mostly in the opposite direction, making an important contribution to the perpetuation of Yihye Ayyash's ideas among the whole Palestinian people. It was Arafat who proclaimed Ayyash a martyr.

It was Arafat who called for the firing of gun salutes in his honor. And it was Arafat who paid a condolence visit to his family and the Hamas leadership.

Under Arafat's auspices the legacy of "the Engineer" became a central issue in the election campaign for the PA Council. All candidates made massive use of their identification with the murderer and the path he had chosen. They all opened their election meetings with a minute's silence in memory of the "Palestinian hero and martyr."

Arafat himself has gone even further. He has adopted extreme Islamic motifs which he incorporates in all his speeches. He usually incorporates verses from the repertoire of Islamic fundamentalism and repeatedly expresses his identification with his "brother," Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

A VISIT to Bethlehem, Al-Fawar and Hebron this week made clear how strongly these messages from the chairman have been absorbed. Among many Palestinians – not all – there was great joy at the pictures of dismembered corpses telecast from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. In a Hebron restaurant which I visited this week, a portrait of one of the wanted Hamas terrorists, eliminated by the IDF two years ago, was prominently displayed.

Next to the portrait hung a calendar featuring small pictures of martyrs, members of Izzadin Kassam, brandishing their weapons. Many of those I spoke to in the street in Hebron did not conceal their indifference to the slaughter of Jews. It was the same story in Bethlehem and other places.

ALL THIS has been known to the Israeli intelligence community for a long time; it was known all along that Arafat was issuing false reports about arrests and the presence in Gaza of terrorist chiefs. The agreements he concluded with Hamas and Islamic Jihad were also known. There was even an assessment in the Israeli security forces that the dialogue with Hamas was what would ensure the end of terrorism.

This, despite a Hamas undertaking not to carry out attacks from territory under PA control, which meant that the massacres at Dizengoff Center and on the No. 18 buses were "kosher" from their point of view.

It's not clear whether Arafat himself was taken in by the Hamas deceit. Probably not, but the Israeli political-security leadership certainly did fall into the trap.

Israel allowed senior Hamas members to leave Judea and Samaria for Gaza to hold their dialogue with Arafat. The PA secretary has even claimed that Israel, too, had conducted secret talks with Hamas.

THE MONTHS since the last suicide attacks encouraged Israelis to believe that the gamble on a dialogue with Hamas had succeeded. Sources close to Hamas explained to this writer the reason for the prolonged cessation of attacks. Hamas had indeed promised Arafat it would lower its profile until the PA took control of most of the territories.

Arafat's political adversaries were persuaded it wasn't worth endangering the handing over of Nablus, Ramallah and Bethlehem to Palestinian control. Later, they agreed to maintain the lull until after the elections for the Palestinian Council in January. Then came Ramadan, not the right month for terrorist strikes as far as Palestinian public opinion is concerned. And then, three days after the Moslem festival of Id al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, the murder campaign was resumed.

While Arafat increases his intimacy with the heads of the "political branch," and negotiates with the heads of the "military branch," like Mohammed Deif, all Hamas operatives continued hatching plots. Most experts admit now that at least some of the sheikhs usually described as the "political level," including some earning their keep from Arafat, were in on the grand conspiracy.

IN GENERAL, some experts on Hamas reject the notion that there is a separation between the military and political wings of the organization, or that there is a split within it.

The Islamic front is comprehensive, and it deals primarily with education. The teachers locate the most serious candidates and give their names to members of Izzadin Kassam, which then recruits them.

Men like Yihye Ayyash and Mohiaddin Sharif, who have hitherto reaped most of the fame, are actually technicians preparing and collating the components of human bombs. It is the "political branch" figures who have the central role in the process of turning out suicide terrorists; they brainwash the candidates and provide the most important factor of the "bomb": the mind.

Already at the start of the Oslo process, "working conditions" for that brand of murderer had improved. In the new spirit in the relations with the Palestinians, the IDF and the GSS were ordered not to bear down on the population and to reduce friction. This order had immediate implications on the freedom of movement of the attackers, especially their free access to arms and ammunition.

The Palestinians' takeover of Gaza and Jericho symbolized a most dramatic turnabout; these two Palestinian enclaves became cities of refuge for the terrorists. Beyond freedom to engage in terrorist "creativity," a substantive change was perceived in their ability to acquire weapons and explosives. There is an easy flow of explosives and weapons from Egypt, through tunnels passing under the frontier and by sea. The weapons and ammunition are smuggled out of Gaza in various ways, sometimes even in the vehicles of senior PA officials, who are exempt from searches.

For more than a year, the market for weapons and explosives in Judea, Samaria and Gaza has been flourishing. This week, I was offered an illegal handgun in Hebron.

BEFORE OSLO, the GSS used to concentrate on one effort: to block the infiltration of weapons and explosives into the territories. The new redeployments have transferred this responsibility to Jibril Rajoub and his associates. The results are known.

The withdrawal from the cities of Judea and Samaria marked the central phase in the consolidation of the terrorist networks. The Jerusalem network was organized at the Teachers' Seminary in Ramallah, and recruited its human resources from all over Judea and Samaria. The Gaza branches prepared the dispatch of the "human bomb" to Dizengoff with no interference from anyone. The full freedom within the Palestinian towns and the almost totally free traffic between them has made the work of the terrorists much easier than ever before.

At the stormy cabinet meeting on Monday evening, security officials repeated their complaints about the absence of intelligence; as a result of the meeting, I met once more with Palestinian acquaintances, former GSS informants, who have been warning me over and over these past two years, "You are on the verge of an intelligence catastrophe. All your infrastructure is gone, and in addition you have betrayed us, and no one will want to work with you in the future. You will have problems with Arafat and you won't have a clue how to start dealing with them."

Anyone driving through Hebron or Nablus this week saw that after Tuesday the IDF had again taken control of Area B, where it has overall security responsibility under the agreement; but in fact those areas were in the process of coming under full Palestinian control. Most of the homes of the suicide terrorists are in Area B.

All the crossing points between the Palestinian enclaves were closed this week, which undoubtedly hindered the terrorist networks operating in the area. But the government cannot continue with this policy for long; at most, it can be done for a few more days. Otherwise, the agreement with the Palestinians will collapse.

Arafat's associates again emphasized over the weekend that he has no intention of responding to the demand to really crush the terrorist leaders. He will not risk war with them. Under these circumstances, anyone still surprised at the current wave of terror and continuing to believe in the security concept of the Oslo agreements will be surprised again and again.

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PA under pressure to crack chain of terror

LAMIA LAHOUD

YASSER Arafat will be expected to deliver to today's terrorism summit in Egypt something more concrete than words on his crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Israel for a start wants him "to deliver the head of Mohammed Dief," said a PA security officer.

Dief, the Izzadin Kassam chief believed by Israeli and Palestinian security bosses to be the organizer of the terrorist blitz, is said to be hiding in Gaza.

A senior Palestinian security source in Gaza told *The Jerusalem Post* that interrogation of Izzadin Kassam members have led the PA closer to Dief.

Israeli OC Central Command Gen. Ilan Biran has expressed skepticism at the sincerity of the effort and accused some PA security officers of protecting Dief.

Members of the PA's security services said in the last week that the authority has started developing a strategy.

PA security sources say their current strategy is to target not only the armed militants, but to improve information by rounding up Izzadin Kassam activists and leaders for interrogation.

The PA is also targeting the group's financing and communication network and leaders here and abroad who order attacks.

A senior member of the PA's security services in Gaza said several Kassam communication networks at universities and other places have been found.

He said money for Hamas comes in from its members in Arab states such as Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

He said Arafat wants to tell the conference he is willing to share responsibility for the crackdown on terrorists with Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

The security officer said Arafat hopes the international community will supply him with counter-terrorist equipment and with money for the police and security services.

Palestinian Brig.-Gen. Ziad Attrash, who cochairs the Israeli-Palestinian joint security committee for cooperation and coordination, said the conference would be only the start of cooperation to fight the terrorists.

THE MOUNTING pressure on the PA to hunt down Islamic extremists triggered internal tensions between the police and security services. It almost resulted in the removal of PA Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub.

PA officials said the problem was solved and Rajoub retained his job.

Israeli military and Western diplomatic sources said that media reports of Arafat wanting to fire Rajoub for refusing to crack down on Hamas were untrue.

They said that, in fact, Israel has been pleased with Rajoub's efforts in the aftermath of the bloody suicide attacks.

The sources added that Rajoub's people had done more than other Palestinian security forces. The diplomatic sources said that the US, as well as Israel, had been pleased with Rajoub.

Sources close to Rajoub said replacing him would have resulted in a confrontation. Many of Rajoub's men said they would have refused to work with Husseini Sheikh, Rajoub's suggested replacement. They even wrote to Arafat, warning that they would not accept Rajoub's removal.

Sheikh runs the crime division of the Palestinian civil police in Ramallah and Bethlehem and used to work for Rajoub until he left the preventive security service after differences with him.

Following the attacks, Rajoub personally arrested the terrorist who recruited the suicide bombers for the Jerusalem buses.

He said he led his men to the Ramallah Teachers' College in pursuit of Mohammed Abu Warda, believed to have recruited the suicide bombers, who was found hiding in the toilets.

With Abu Warda surrounded, Rajoub waited for him to surrender. Rajoub said the suspect then confessed under interrogation.

Terror exposes inter-Arab rivalries

ANALYSIS

PINHAS INBARI

THE terrorist attacks on Israel's streets have had two immediate political consequences – the convening of todays international "peacemakers' summit" against terrorism, and the beginnings of a serious discussion in Israel about the politics behind the horrors.

Many Israelis were agitated last week by the comment of Izzadin Kassam terrorist Mohammed Abu Warda on television that the political aim of his murderous assaults was to damage the Labor party in favor of Likud.

Any televised statement from a person "investigated" in Jibril Rajoub's basements is suspect, to say the least. But the question remains – what were the political motivations behind the atrocities?

The major shortcoming of the Oslo agreements is not their formulation – it is Yasser Arafat.

The choice of Arafat as a strategic partner for Israel was always likely to be troublesome, because Arafat was under severe limitations.

Except for Egypt, he had no allies in the Arab capitals important to Israel – Amman and Damascus.

Moreover, the more Israel granted Arafat "rewards," the more those capitals worried.

Jordan was concerned that once Arafat established himself in the West Bank, he would meddle on the East Bank. His inflammatory speeches in West Bank cities, addressed to "all Palestinians, wherever you are," did nothing to allay Jordanian concerns.

Arafat's history with Syria is a similarly difficult one, including great personal antagonism between himself and President Hafez Assad.

Stability in Jordan is also a Syrian interest. Even Assad prefers King Hussein as a neighbor to some fundamentalist Palestinian.

The Jordanian leadership for sure is not happy with the current situation, which puts its own position in danger, although by no means is Jordan a terror state.

As for Syria, it is doubtful if it really approves of such a crazy terrorist blitz as those on Bus 18 and at Dizengoff, even if it is well known for using terrorist methods to achieve its own goals elsewhere.

Nonetheless, Syria's absence from the anti-terrorism summit casts deep shadows over its willingness to be a peace and security partner.

Syria's initial response was that it would be better to reconvene the Madrid conference.

This suggests that Syria preferred the Madrid formula, simply because Arafat was not there, forced at the time to send a delegation from the territories.

Mamduh Nawfal, a member of the old PLO delegation, says in his memoirs that one of Syria's conditions for participating in Madrid was the PLO's absence.

Jordan is more passive. But last week tension developed between the Palestinian Authority and Jordan about Amman's alleged involvement with Hamas.

PA sources said the Palestinians caught a Jordanian with a list of people who had received money from the Hamas center in Amman.

Prince Hassan had to intervene personally to assure the PA that the Jordanian government had had no involvement whatsoever in this affair.

In fact it is highly probable that the Hamas terrorists were not primarily aiming at Shimon Peres's head when they embarked on their terrorist wave, but that of Arafat.

Peres is merely paying the political price for his loyalty to his partner.

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Two welcome visits

TWO overlapping visits this week by foreign dignitaries may say more about Israel's realities than the "peacemakers" show at Sharm e-Sheikh and the various spectacular international conferences of recent years.

The visit by Turkish President Suleyman Demirel is a reminder of the kind of peace Israel may hope to establish with the whole Moslem world. Turkey, with which Israel has had diplomatic relations since the establishment of the state, is a modern, Western-oriented democracy which happens to be Moslem. While religion plays an important role in the country's life, it does not dominate its political thinking and policy decisions. Trade, tourism, and academic and business ties between Turkey and Israel are flourishing.

Had the Arab countries in the Middle East become modern democracies like Turkey, it would have been possible for Israel to view them as potential allies and hope for a new era and a lasting peace. Demirel spoke on Monday of the similarities between the two countries. Unfortunately, no such talk is yet possible about Israel and the Arab regimes.

Another distinguished visitor was Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York. While having no geo-political significance, his visit reminded Israelis of one of the country's greatest assets: the unconditional, no-strings-attached friendship of the American people. That Giuliani headed a delegation of New Yorkers who came to show their solidarity with Israel after the past weeks' terror attacks is a measure of this friendship. The US-Israel relationship is not merely an alliance born of mutual interests, but a bond of two peoples who share values, ideals, and beliefs.

It is to such democratic allies and friends, not to dictators and tyrants, that Israel can look for support and understanding as it attempts to defend itself against terrorists and their sponsors.

New alliance on the right

THE deals, horse trades, political marriages, and acrimonious divorces which plague Israel's political parties often bring to mind Winston Churchill's pungent observation: democracy is the worst system of government known to man, except for any other.

One such less-than-wholesome deal was consummated yesterday between the recently formed Likud-Tsomet alliance and the new party, Gesher, established only weeks ago by Likud renegade David Levy. It would be nice to believe that what motivated all sides was only a selfless desire to save the country from what they consider the disastrous policies of the Labor-Meretz government. But such faith in purely patriotic motives may turn out to be Pollyannish.

It is far more likely that this awkward marriage of convenience is a symbiotic if not an opportunistic arrangement. The Likud, smarting from the 1992 defeat caused by the splintering of the "national camp," wants to ensure that such a self-inflicted defeat is not repeated. It must be aware, too, of the electorate's preference for political bodies representing unity and cohesiveness, and it undoubtedly hopes that the combined forces of the alliance's three components will draw more votes than they would separately.

For Tsomet the alliance is a way to ensure seats in the next Knesset for seven of its members, a number which seems out of reach for the party if it runs independently. And for Levy this is the only antidote to complete political bankruptcy. The polls now show his party getting two seats in the next Knesset. And it is probably safe to assume that, had he decided to run at the head of an independent party, he would have had trouble passing the threshold needed to enter the Knesset altogether.

And yet, for all the cynicism they evoke, such unions of political forces must be greeted with approval. Fragmentation has been an unmitigated curse of Israel's politics since the establishment of the state. Much of the time and creative energy of its politicians and statesmen have gone into unfathomable rivalries, divisions, and vendettas. What is now no more than a tactical alliance to achieve an election victory may blossom into a true amalgamation of forces whose beliefs on cardinal issues are similar.

That Likud MK Ariel Sharon has succeeded in bringing sworn rivals together is a tribute to his admirable tenacity and limitless energy. His contention that the religious parties, too, can unite to form a single powerful bloc is a tribute to his eternal optimism and concern for the Knesset's future as an effective instrument of Israeli democracy.

Ultimately, the number of Zionist parties should be reduced to two. Today such a prospect may seem far-fetched. But the new system of direct election of prime minister, which forces the voter to decide between two rather than 20 candidates, may persuade the electorate that not every minor ideological difference justifies the formation of a political party.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sir, – One wonders whether the high-powered International Conference on Terror will penetrate to the searing core-issue exposed recently by an editor-in-chief of a prominent Jerusalem magazine in a single, shocking sentence. "The question is...," says he, "whether Arafat has the guts to do to Hamas what Ben-Gurion did to the Irgun when he gave the order to sink the Altalena in 1949."

This is a painfully un-Jewish sentiment, a stark reversal of authentic Jewish values (if we still have the guts to equate "Jewish" decidedly with "Sinaitic," against the onslaught of more fashionable, but patently inauthentic, "universalist" definitions.) I count myself among the clear majority of Jews in Israel for whom the Altalena remains unforgivable, one of the darkest incidents in Jewish history. To brandish the murder of idealistic Jews by idealistic Jews as an example for others to follow, undermining the elementary values of brotherly loyalty and solidarity, is the ultimate perversion of "a light to the nations."

If anything, then, for us the lesson to be learned from the ghastly memory of the Altalena is that we should not expect the war against our terrorist enemies to be waged by their brothers!

It is neither right nor realistic to expect the Arab man-in-the-street to accept this expectation simply because "the world" has – however rightly, to our mind – branded terrorism illegitimate as a form of warfare and therefore criminal. If the world insists on pressing Arafat to wage our war against his blood-brothers on the basis of a "progressive" moral logic, the fury of the Arab traditionalist masses will surely be but further, and dangerously, exacerbated.

There is only one moral imperative which can feasibly be employed by Arafat in battling terrorism with no holds barred: that of the fidelity demanded by a sovereign power in the common interest of *his own* people. But is Arafat sufficiently enthroned to deliver on that basis?

Food for thought at the conference.

RABBI SHMUEL JAKOBOVITZ,
Chairman,
Ura Kevodi,
Association for Haredi Thinkers
Jerusalem.

FRIEND OF ISRAEL

Sir, – When Israel is a victim, the world rallies round it to offer its support and condolences. When Israel fights back against its victimizers, that support is quickly transformed into pressure on Israel to back off and back down.

This week's international conference at Sharm e-Sheikh is a case in point. It was first billed as an anti-terrorism conference, but before it even got underway, participants were already describing it as a forum to show support for the peace process. By the time it convenes, its agenda will inevitably include criticism of Israel for taking anti-terrorism measures that are supposedly impeding the peace process, such as closure of the territories, expulsion of Hamas members, and destruction of terrorists' houses.

The Israeli government's main reason for participating in organizing this show-conference is to prop up its faltering public support. This is understandable, although of doubtful efficacy. What is not understandable is the US government's attempt to prop up the Peres government through its involvement. This is blatant interference in Israel's internal politics in the midst of an election campaign, and is improper. Israelis expect the US to be a friend of Israel, not a friend of the Labor party.

ELIYAHU SHIFFMAN
Beit Shemesh.

NEWSPEAK

Sir, – The impending international conference on terrorism indicates that Prime Minister Peres is intent on waging the war he declared on terror via yet another photo-op with world leaders, more empty rhetoric and a few more agreements not worth the paper they are printed on.

Inviting the likes of Arafat and Assad to such a conference is akin to co-opting Charles Manson to the war on crime.

The efficacy of the government's approach is testified to by the 200 graves and many hundreds of injured that have accumulated since Oslo.

Peres's other "tough" announcement that further implementation of Oslo has been suspended until the arch-terrorist Arafat cracks down on Hamas is a classic example of Kafkaesque absurdity. Several of those arrested for previous murders by Arafat, tried, sentenced and released. When enough murderers are arrested, Peres will surely declare a resumption of the process. Then the bloody cycle will begin again with the wholesale release of prisoners – including those just arrested!

Apparently, Mr. Peres has once again used George Orwell's Newspeak to define his terms: First it was "peace process"; now it is "all-out war on terror."

YISRAEL WOOLF
Ma'aleh Adumim.

WHIZ KID

Sir, – Your article of February 12 about the Technion accepting the math genius prompts this letter.

I am convinced, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the school and the father are in serious error in exposing this lad to classmates who are at least four years older, emotionally, if not intellectually. This youngster belongs in high school.

EDWARD R. ROBBINS
Beverly Hills, California.

'At Sharm you could get rid of the lot of them!'



Arafat's war on Hamas

YIGAL CARMON

Despite 1995's major suicide bombings, which called for a war against Hamas, it was a lost year. Israel's government, exhibiting a mixture of naivete and fatal recklessness, was again duped by the PLO, by its theory that an understanding with Hamas is preferable to a struggle against it (as if an understanding were possible).

It supported the dialogue between Hamas and the PLO, enabled Hamas representatives to exit for Sudan through our border checkpoints (instead of arresting them), and even stopped the security services' anti-Hamas activity in a bid to help the PLO in its negotiations.

Of course, the inevitable happened. The PLO-Hamas dialogue culminated in an agreement formulated in a joint statement signed by both sides in Cairo on December 22. At the signing, after reading the statement to journalists, the heads of both delegations granted interviews to the Arabic press.

As a result of these negotiations, and the courting of Hamas, the organization has been strengthened. The PLO did not moderate it. On the contrary, it accepted and, as early as last October, initiated the following principle: Hamas will halt operations only inside or emanating from the areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority – or will at least not claim any kind of responsibility for such operations. In all other areas Hamas will be free to continue its activities.

This is typical Arafat. It's how he reacted to the Beit Lid bombing. Then he complained about the Islamic Jihad by saying, "Why did they do this? Did they have to give names and say they came from Gaza?"

Following the latest attacks a senior official in Arafat's office protested against Israel's countermeasures: "How can Israel allow itself to do this? The suicide bombers came from Al Fuwar-Hebron, not from PA territory...."

Selim Za'anoon, who heads the PLO delegation to the negotiations with Hamas (and who, as acting chairman of the Palestine National Committee, should have been busy finding ways to repeal the Palestinian Covenant) repeatedly said at the signing of the PLO- Hamas agreement and later: "This should be understood by all. We are not the defenders of the Israeli entity [sic]. We see it as sufficient to obligate Hamas not to embarrass the PA, which is responsible for security in the areas it has received, and from which it will not allow actions." (Needless to say, Hamas didn't even fulfill this condition.)

> The Palestinian Authority could have prevented the latest bombings, but it facilitated them

Added Za'anoon: "If Israel wants to spare itself Hamas attacks it had better hurry and withdraw from the rest of the territories." Za'anoon stressed that he had called Arafat to report on the agreement, and that Arafat had responded, "[May] Allah bless you, this is good, this is nice."

IT'S really very nice to see such a degree of PLO-Hamas understanding reached as to lead Hamas representative Khaled Mash'al to say on the same occasion: "Hamas views its actions as support for the Palestinian negotiator and the Palestinian Authority."

This, indeed, was the conclusion of military intelligence head Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Ya'alon: "Arafat wants to retain Hamas's infrastructure in order to pressure Israel during the negotiations for the final status."

Even the reportedly tougher Hamas leaders in Jordan showed surprising "moderation" vis-a-vis the PLO. "The gap between Hamas and PLO plans is not small," said Ibrahim Ghosheh, "but we do not want to clash with them, and we demand that they not clash with us. Let the two programs march parallel to each other, and each achieve what it can."

In April 1994, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin repeatedly said, "Any PLO-Hamas agreement or understanding regarding the possibility of continued terrorism by Hamas with PLO approval would prevent the achievement of an agreement... Our red line is a situation in which the PLO knows Hamas is mounting operations."

Now it has been revealed that even as the horrendous bombings in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Ashkelon were taking place, Gaza Strip Security Chief Mohammed Dahlan was having regular meetings with Mohammed Deif, the man in charge of operations by Hamas's Izzadin Kassam military wing and number one on Israel's list of wanted terrorists. These meetings took place even after the first bombing in Jerusalem.

Instead of arresting Deif, Dahlan had talks with him. The PLO could have aborted the attacks; it did not.

All this is proof – if proof were still necessary – that the Oslo agreements are a road to terrorism; not to peace. But the premier and his associates cannot admit it, because it would mean political suicide.

Little wonder that when Likud MK Benny Begin confronted Shimon Peres about this in a meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Peres responded: "I don't know anything about an agreement between the PLO and Hamas, nor do I care!"

Minister for Internal Security Moshe Shahal also denied the existence of any such agreement. Neither man responded to the shocking revelation that the PLO, far from preventing the latest terrorist hits, actually made them possible.

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Unwitting aid to the enemy

SHLOMO AVINERI

Terrorists' aim is not only to kill and maim. They also aim to terrorize. Their intended target is not only those they kill and wound, but also society's resilience. This puts the media in a democratic society in a bind.

On the one hand they have to report accurately, openly, immediately and reliably, without censorship. The enormities of the havoc caused by an attack should not be diminished, nor the suffering, pain, and anger denied.

But how to describe the agony of the wounded and the anguish of family members without unwittingly becoming an accomplice of the terrorists?

It is a delicate line to tread, and Israel's media, especially TV, have tripped up repeatedly over the past two horrible weeks. In their eagerness to cover it all, in real time, they have unwittingly played into the hands of the terrorists.

Examples abound. When a major newspaper leads its coverage with a blood-red banner headline proclaiming "A country in fear," it isn't informing, it is creating a mood. When it turns its entire news section over to gory pictures – most already seen on TV the previous day – it is not telling us anything we do not already know.

TV's dilemma is even more acute. Like radio, when terror strikes it automatically switches to live, virtually 24-hour coverage, turning a single act of horrendous terrorism into an ongoing drama.

TV is also professionally unable to live up to its promise. The aftermath of an attack is like a battle situation. With reliable information in short supply, every bit of hearsay from shocked passersby is immediately broadcast as fact. As the news editor of TV's Channel 1 said on a talk show last Saturday: "What can we do? When you broadcast live, you lose control of what you're showing." Nothing could better encapsulate TV's dilemma.

One answer may be to abandon non-stop live coverage and revert to a more controlled mode which would still give immediate news, but avoid spreading what amounts to panic and false information.

Nor do hospital scenes convey hard news, though stricken relatives make good "human" stories.

> How Hamas must love the media's magnified coverage of terror attacks

And doctors, who should be operating or resting, are asked repeatedly for "real-time" reports on attack victims when hourly bulletins would be more helpful.

By showing the anguished face of an injured person or a shocked relative again and again because there is no other footage to show, TV multiplies reality, which is already shocking enough.

How Hamas must delight in it.

Crowd response is equally distorting. The TV cameras will obviously pick up on any cursing or haranguing bystander. Cooler heads, who are the majority, will not be heard. They lack the necessary "color."

CONTINUOUS radio and TV coverage also distorts the perception of government reaction. Reporting "The cabinet is still in session" every five minutes isn't a news item; it only creates expectation. And when the meeting ends, only junior ministers have the time to answer questions, and their answers will anyway be irrelevant. No responsible minister would detail what the government has really decided. If he did, it would be treason.

As for the question of public morale, when TV interviewers ask people under the impact of an attack, "Will you ride a bus again?" it is clear what answer they are eliciting. This is precisely the question that shouldn't be asked, just as after a terrible road accident one doesn't ask a victim, "Will you get in a car again?"

The restraint and judgment required of the media should be even more of a guideline for public TV. TV news isn't entertainment or a vehicle for voyeurism. In a war situation, it is also a weapon.

When Winston Churchill was promising the British people "blood, sweat and tears," imagine the impact had TV (which didn't exist then) gone around asking people "How do you feel during night air-raids," "Do you fear a German invasion?" or "Do your children sleep at night?" Most assuredly it would not have been Britain's finest hour.

The media claim only to mirror reality. But while some mirrors reflect what is "out there," others patently distort. Still others magnify or multiply what they reflect. Our media should consider which kind of mirror they purport to be.

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Game of life

HARVEY MEIROVICH

If God has the right to be pessimistic, so do we after what we've gone through these last two weeks.

We need look no further than the depiction of God in the Bible to validate our current feelings of pessimism: "The devisings of man's mind are evil from his youth" (Genesis 8:21) and "Most devious is the heart, it is perverse – who can fathom it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

In fact so distraught is the Almighty over man's penchant for evil that his prophet (Ezekiel 36:24-28) imagines God scrapping all expectation of man's potential to be educated. Instead, in robotic fashion, God will program humankind to act automatically in accordance with His will.

Taking a page from God's "biography" certainly entitles us to feel low and disillusioned. Yet this is only a partial picture of our destiny, as understood by our ancestors.

Despite the biblical Job's aching misery after his terrible afflictions, he clings to life, dismissing the counsel of his wife, who begs him to relinquish his integrity, blaspheme God, and die.

Job knew his cause was right. He stayed in the game of life to validate his human integrity to himself, to his friends, and to his God.

We can do no less as a nation. In the almost half-century since its birth, Israel has accomplished the mighty miracle of integrating almost half of world Jewry into its historic homeland, a manifest reflection of its integrity. In the years which are dawning we shall tackle what many believe to be our next major challenge: building up the Jewish-identity quotient of the nation.

Having a "state for Jews" is insufficient. It would be complemented by our evolution as a fully equipped *Jewish* civilization; a nation committed to the very best of liberal and pluralistic Jewish education, guided by the wedding of morality to power, and by the nurturing of human dignity.

The enemies of peace, so devoted to fanaticism and barbarity, would certainly derive much pleasure from our succumbing to despair and abandoning the prophet's challenge to become "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

AND YET, because we encounter broken hearts and sit among mourners, we must temporarily put aside the philosopher's mantle and take up a more pressing and humble task. Tragedy within the house of Israel beckons each of us to draw closer together and nurture more patience for one another. Ours is to dig deep and draw upon reservoirs of tolerance, Jew toward Jew.

> We have the right to feel pessimistic. But our integrity and hope go hand in hand

Wisely, Judaism compares a person racked with pain to a prisoner wasting away in a locked cell. He has no access to the key to free himself from his painful ordeal. That key belongs to sources outside of himself. Salvation can only come from the support and encouragement of caregivers ready to extend a helping hand (*Brachot* 5b).

How poignant that in the wake of the most recent bus-bombing in Jerusalem, Jews of all religious and political persuasions lined up en masse to donate blood. The crisis brought them to shelve their differences in pursuit of the most noble of causes: giving the gift of life.

The compelling need to foster closeness is encapsulated in a hassidic tale about a depressed student who sought counsel from his rabbi. Illness and a business setback compounded the student's feelings of abandonment.

The conversation is set against the backdrop of a fireplace. The fire is about to die out. Only scattered embers remain. Suddenly the flames flare up anew.

"Do you see," pointed out the rabbi, "what happened when I gathered the embers close together? They came back to life. When the coals were separated, they generated little heat; but when they came close together they received warmth from each other and the fire was renewed.

"It's the same with people. When we are alone and separated, our spirit is in danger of dying out. But when we stand close together we get warmth and comfort from one another, and hope is renewed."

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Quebec: from seces

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Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is Quebec. (AP)

Quebec: Agenda moves from secession to partition

HIS province rattled by hate campaigns and talk of partition, Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard is doing something unheard of for a separatist leader: speaking directly to Quebec's worried English-speaking minority.

He invited 400 prominent anglophones to a Montreal theater Monday night to launch "a new dialogue" with an influential but outnumbered community that is overwhelmingly opposed to his goal of independence for the mostly French-speaking province. This overture to his foes was seen as a signal that Bouchard wants to launch a cooperative campaign to solve social and economic problems.

The main source of friction has been a nationwide debate – even among federal cabinet ministers – over the possible partition of Quebec in the event that it votes for independence. Partition advocates have plunged into detailed discussion of how anti-separatist regions of the province, including Montreal itself, might remain part of Canada in the event of Quebec's secession. Furthermore, the Indians and Inuit, most formidably, wish to take two-thirds of the province's territory with them.

Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien has asserted that if the country is divisible, then so is Quebec. He was effectively taking sides with voters in certain parts of the province who might wish to remain Canadian citizens.

In a recent speech to the House of Commons, he spoke eloquently of "renewing" and "modernizing" a "flexible" Canadian federal system. Chretien, who is unpopular in his native Quebec, advocated more power for the provinces, referring repeatedly to "partnership" and the "Canadian economic union" – terms lifted from the language of the separatists' referendum proposals last October.

And Canada's two-year-old Liberal government has been grappling with the idea of a national referendum on Quebec's future. In its official mission statement for the second half of its electoral mandate, the government warned that "as long as the prospect of another Quebec referendum exists, the government will exercise its responsibility to ensure that ... Canadians, no matter where they live, will have a say in the future of their country."

THE prospect of partition, with its Balkan overtones, is anathema to most French-speaking Quebecers, and even to many on Chretien's side of the debate who think it foolish and ultimately untenable.

"If partition happens, there would be a risk of violence more than in any other situation," said Rejean Pelletier, a Laval University political scientist. "It could sow the seeds of civil war."

Coinciding with the partition debate was an upsurge of political vandalism and anonymous threats, mostly targeting federalists. A brick was thrown through a window at the home of a prominent Montreal federalist, and a group claiming links with a 1960s-era terrorist campaign sent threatening letters to seven companies which opposed separatism in October's secession referendum.

Authorities, taking the threats seriously, set up a special investigative unit made up of provincial, Montreal and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers.

Due mostly to Bouchard's charismatic campaigning, the separatists almost won the October referendum, receiving 49.4 percent of the votes. Another referendum is expected within two years. Recent polls show the separatists would win if a vote were held now.

Anglophones, who number about 800,000 out of Quebec's 7.3 million people, are pleased Bouchard is thinking about them. But there is skepticism as to whether he will address their demands regarding civil-service job opportunities and restrictive language laws.

A group of 16 anglophone leaders urged Bouchard to reform a controversial education law so immigrants from English-speaking countries can send their children to English schools. "A demoralized but determined English-speaking community will be listening very closely," the group said in a statement.

On Monday, Bouchard is set to launch another important initiative, convening a three-day economic summit of business, labor and political leaders to discuss how to tackle Quebec's budget deficit while lowering its 11.3 percent jobless rate. Prominent corporate executives who campaigned against separatism last year are among the 54 invitees.

There is widespread curiosity in Quebec about how Bouchard can fulfill his promises to slash spending without antagonizing labor unions and left-wing separatists who traditionally have formed the backbone of the independence movement.

(AP, The Washington Post)

Cultural gaps rack Jewish-Moslem dialogue in LA

TOM TUGEND

THE same spirit that brought Israeli and Arab leaders together at today's anti-terrorist summit meeting at Sharm e-Sheikh was widely reflected in Los Angeles last week.

While the city's Jewish and Moslem leaders hailed their unprecedented unity in condemning the spate of suicide bombings in Israel, both sides expressed some frustration at the "cultural misunderstandings" that marked their dialogues.

Jews and Moslems came together at three separate events last Thursday.

Israel's Minister-without-Portfolio Rabbi Yehuda Amital joined three leaders of the local Moslem community in a private, hour-long discussion at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Afterwards Amital, a leading moderate Orthodox voice, expressed fears that the peace process, which he has supported from the beginning, will break down if the suicide bombings continue.

"We hope for a common statement by senior Moslem leaders against religious terrorism," he said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Center, was more specific: "Moslem leaders must declare in clear terms that terrorists are not 'martyrs' who will be rewarded by banquets in heaven ... They must say that terrorist acts desecrate the canons of all monotheistic religions."

Dr. Maher Hathout, head of the Islamic Center of Southern California, was not drawn into such a categorical denunciation, but he emphasized that "civilians should never be exposed to injury. It is very frightening if such acts are committed in the name of religion."

Hathout expressed some irritation that neither the media nor the Jewish community were paying attention to his or other local Moslem voices. "For the last 20 years, we have denounced exposing civilians to terror, but others have not been listening," he said.

Dr. Aslam Abdullah, editor of *The Minaret* magazine, struck a welcome emotional note, declaring, "We also cry when we see an Israeli child cry."

Israeli Consul-General Yoram Ben-Ze'ev hailed the dialogue but noted that "We still have to struggle over cultural misunderstandings" between Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Moslems.

RABBI Jerrold Goldstein, director of the Hillel Center at the California State University, Northridge, spelled out both commonalities and differences with his Moslem colleagues, following an interfaith memorial service on his campus.

The service was initiated by Ahmed El-Gabalawy, director of the campus Moslem center, and brought together some 75 Moslem, Jewish and Christian students. Among them were 25 students in an Introduction to Islam class. El-Gabalawy cited the Koran, saying, "Whoever kills a soul for no reason, it is as if he had killed all of humanity."

Goldstein said later that he was disappointed that his Moslem colleague would not make a "flat-out condemnation" of terrorism. "There seems to be something in the Arab culture that keeps them from such a condemnation of fellow Moslems," he said. This failure may puzzle or annoy Jews, "but we have to accept Moslems on their own cultural grounds and mode of expression," he added.

At the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), more than 200 students took part in a silent memorial march across campus, with some holding up signs inscribed with the names and ages of victims of the recent terrorist bombings.

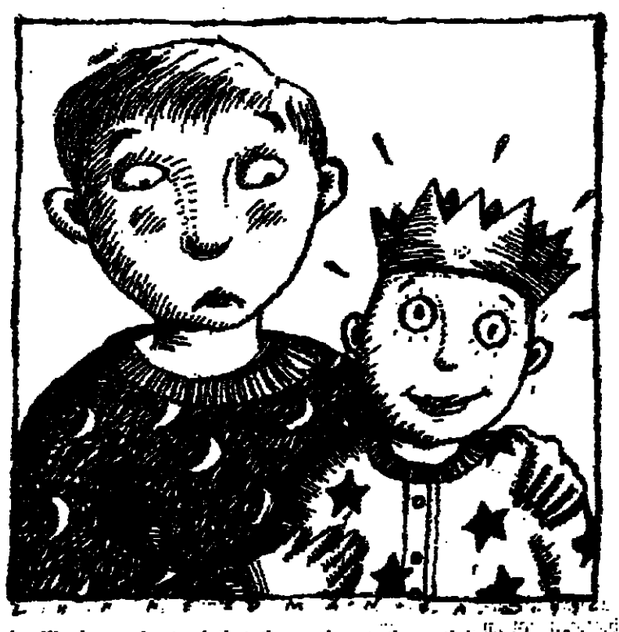
The event, organized by the Jewish Student Union and the Hillel Foundation, included the participation of members of the Moslem Students Association.

As a follow-up to the Wiesenthal Center dialogue, its leaders hope to organize a future roundtable with the participation of Moslem and Jewish leaders from many countries, said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the center's associate dean.

In a similar vein, Hathout and his Moslem colleagues asked in a written statement that "The White House, State Department and leaders of Congress should facilitate and sponsor forums comprising Moslems and Jews ... to determine constructive measures to stop the cycle of violence in the Middle East and in our society."

Keeping tots happy with an infant at home

PARENTING
RUTH MASON



WHAT are some creative ways to keep my five-year-old occupied while I take care of our five-month-old?

Efrat Tenenbaum, Adlerian parenting group leader, says:

The underlying assumption of the Adlerian approach is that all children need a sense of belonging. When a baby is born, an older child's feeling of belonging changes completely. You can't add an apple to a full basket without all the apples having to move.

It's important for parents to understand that the birth of a new child may be the best thing that can happen to an older child. It's very important that you as parents do not feel guilty for bringing another child into the family.

The message you give the older child shouldn't be that he or she is entitled to compensation. When there is a large age gap between the first and second child, parents usually tend to defend the older child, to identify with his or her distress.

Instead, you might consider that the older child now has the possibility of a connection that is one of the strongest connections we know of – brother- or sisterhood.

If parents understand this, they'll also understand that the expectation that an older child's time will always be creative, pleasant and easy is unrealistic.

Many parents try to spend an hour or so a week just with the older child. It's wonderful to do that, but for a five-year-old, 15 minutes alone with you daily would be even better. Let him choose the activity, even if he only wants to watch television with you.

Don't let the phone or other things interrupt you. When you have this little corner together, you can postpone some of the many demands that come up at other times. You might say, "I can't play Candy Land with you right now, but we can play this evening during our special time."

Start with what's realistic and don't allow yourself to become frustrated. If 15 minutes a day seems impossible, start with what is possible. This way, your child knows he can count on at least some time with you alone.

Also keep in mind that our job as parents is not to be entertainment providers for our children. We need to give them the feeling that they can entertain themselves without our help, that we count on them to be able to play by themselves.

It's also important for a child's sense of belonging to know that he is useful and contributes to the family. And I don't mean just by bringing the baby her bottle or finding the pacifier.

Catch him doing useful things and comment on them. You might say, "When you play in your room and I can drink my coffee in peace after a long, hard day, it really helps me." Or, "That joke you told made me laugh and put me in a good mood."

If you ask him to do something, expect that he may say no. If he says yes, praise him, tell him how much it helps, how nice it is to see that he's growing up and becoming independent.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Peanuts, Garfield, Beetle Bailey enshrined in new Florida comics museum

THE new International Museum of Cartoon Art was dedicated recently with the ultimate aim of winning recognition as fine art for Garfield, Beetle Bailey and thousands of cartoon cronies.

The $15-million project enshrines some of the world's best-known cartoon characters and artists, spanning more than 200 years, under the roof of a sparkling new Mediterranean-style building in this upscale coastal community.

Brainchild of Mort Walker, creator of the venerable Beetle Bailey comic strip, the museum is intended to elevate the status of cartooning in the public eye.

"You know, Picasso is really a cartoonist," said Walker. "His stuff is funny. He exaggerates the human form. It's cartoon really. Yet they collect Picasso in museums and they don't collect cartoons," he said.

While other cartoon museums exist, the new Boca Raton facility claims to house the largest and most varied collection anywhere, with some 160,000 original works, 1,300 square meters of display space and more than 1,000 artists from 50 countries.

Decorating its walls are original sketches of many beloved American artists — Walt Disney, Garry Trudeau, Jim Davis, Charles Schulz — and their creations — Mickey Mouse, Doonesbury, Garfield, Peanuts and others.

It also has gathered work by some of the world's best-known cartoonists and editorial artists, including Martyn Turner of Ireland, Peter Shrank of England, Rainer Hackfeld of Germany and Moustafa Hussein of Egypt. On prominent display under the banner "Ze'ev – Eyewitness with a Smile" are the works of Israeli editorial cartoonist Ya'acov "Ze'ev" Farkas.

"I think cartoons are at a stage right now as a fine art where photographs were 50 years ago," said curator Gary Hood. "Fifty years ago photographs were considered a craft."

Hood said the museum's most valuable works are six pencil-drawn storyboards called "Plane Crazy," which were intended to be the first animated cartoon starring Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

The drawings, by Disney artist Ub Iwerks, were started prior to the creation of *Steamboat Willie*, Disney's first Mickey Mouse animation, but were set aside when *Willie* went into production. (Reuter)

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Sale of new flats falls 4%

Jerusalem Post Staff

SALES of new apartments by the private sector declined in the fourth quarter by four percent in 24 urban centers in comparison with the previous quarter, which saw a 7% decline in those sales, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

During the last three months of 1995, 4,400 new apartments were sold in those regions, compared with 4,560 in the previous quarter. However, the number of apartments sold over that period was 5% higher than the same period in the previous year.

As demand declined supply, also decreased, but at a more moderate pace. This resulted in a slight growth of unsold apartments, which totaled 6,210 in the surveyed areas, comprising most of the real estate market. Apartments with up to three rooms, and those with six or more, were the least in demand last quarter, while flats of four to five rooms had increased sales.

Of the 6,210 apartments which were not sold as of December 31, 1995, four in five were in the preliminary stages of construction, while nearly one in two of those unsold consisted of five or more rooms.

'Discount's warrants might not be exercised'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THERE is a real risk that Israel Discount Bank's warrants will not be exercised, according to the Central Securities Corp. economic department's analysis of the warrants. The warrants closed at .407 points on their first day of trading yesterday.

The government issued Discount's shares and warrants last week as part of its privatization program.

According to analyst Oren Meytes, who conducted the economic report, the government overestimated the warrants' economic value in Bank Discount's prospectus. Based on the minimum share price, each warrant gives buyers the option to purchase 10 shares at NIS 3.32.

The economists said the government's calculations ignore the fact that Discount usually distributes dividends. Meytes emphasized that distribution of dividends reduces the shares' rate for technical reasons and lowers the warrants' value.

"The dividends are distributed twice a year, and each time the share rate is expected to fall 50 points, making it less likely that the warrants will be exercised," said Meytes.

Meytes also said the prospectus calculates Discount's shares according to a relatively high fluctuation of 3.3%, based on the commercial and holding banks' sub-division.

Meytes pointed out that this sub-division includes small banks like Maritime Bank, Trade Bank and Industrial Development Bank.

He said Discount's actual fluctuation is expected to be lower, similar to the average fluctuation of Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi and First International Bank, which is 2.6%.

"The additional payup of the warrants, 3,320 points, is linked to the index and expected to climb to about 4,000 points on the redemption date in two year's time," Meytes said.

"That is, warrant holders will lose money if the share rate is 4000, maintain their nominal rate at 4407, and make a profit only if the share rate climbs above 4,660."

According to the Central Securities Corp. calculations, there is a big risk that not all the warrants will be exercised into shares, reducing the government's profits from the sale of Discount and reducing the chances of privatizing another chunk of the bank.

The company said MI Holdings, the state-owned company in charge of the banks' sale, should have issued the warrants at a lower payup cost in order to encourage investors to purchase stock.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul yesterday criticized Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's decision not to exempt the telecommunications company from the law requiring it to issue public tenders.

Kaul explained that structural changes in the telecommunications sector, as well as requiring Bezeq to face competition in recent years, made such a decision unworkable. Kaul also said none of Bezeq's competitors are shackled by the public-tender requirement. *Judy Siegel*

The Knesset was expected to approve an amendment to the Free Export Processing Zone Law late last night, enabling the project to finally get under way after more than a year of delays. The amendment will reduce the power of the franchisee chosen to administer the zone, by replacing the franchisee's representatives on the zone's governing council with business sector representatives of the chosen by a public commission.

It also enables investors who already own businesses in Israel to establish businesses in the zone as well, as long as the zone company operates in a different field. *Evelyn Gordon*

M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers yesterday announced it has amicably terminated its distribution license with Maxtor Corporation. M-Systems will now distribute its products directly. Maxtor has decided to concentrate on its core business and transferred relevant customer lists and backlog to M-Systems.

The agreement, originally entered into in June 1994 and amended in January 1995, granted Maxtor certain distribution rights primarily to M-Systems' PCMCIA-compatible flash cards. M-Systems president Dov Moran said he hoped direct distribution "will allow us to improve service and increase our margin." He added the company did not anticipate a decrease in sales. *Rachel Neiman*

Insurance agents: We won't pay for fighting car thefts

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Association of Insurance Agents plans to campaign against the cabinet's proposal that insurance holders foot the bill for the government's anti-car theft plan, association chairman Shaul Pasternak announced at a press conference yesterday.

Earlier this week the cabinet announced that insurance companies will pay the multimillion bill for implementing the police anti-car theft plan. According to the agents, imposing this cost on their companies will ultimately mean that car owners will end up paying higher insurance premiums.

"At first I thought it was a joke when I heard car owners will finance part of the national project," Pasternak said. "The idea is a dream which will never be enforced. We will fight against it. It is the government's responsibility to finance the plan and not car owners. The government's budget should be sufficient to fight car thefts. If it isn't, it should be increased."

Pasternak said that if private insurance companies agree to pay for the anti-car theft plan, they will be asked to finance other plans in the future.

"Today, insurance firms have NIS 2-4m. to subsidize 23 policemen for the anti-car theft plan," he said. "But, tomorrow if there is a growth in house or office thefts, they will also be expected to foot the bill of additional police to solve this problem."

Commenting on the government's new pension plan, Pasternak warned the government of another crisis in the pension field. He said the association is against the pension arrangements, which they said the government will not be able to finance.

Next week the association will hold its annual Bituchim conference, which will take place in Jerusalem under the slogan "In another 3000 years, also in Jerusalem."

Pasternak said the conference will focus on increasing the public's awareness of the importance of the insurance sector in the social security field, primarily life insurance and health.

Last year 306,000 insurance policies were sold.

Bill forcing banks to reduce holdings passes first reading

EVELYN GORDON

BANKS will have to reduce their holdings in non-bank companies, according to a bill approved by the Knesset in first reading late Monday night.

The bill, based on the Brodet Committee recommendations, passed 6-0, with the support of the coalition and the NRP.

The bill will now be sent on to the Knesset Finance Committee.

However, it seems unlikely that it will be ready for a final reading before the Knesset recesses next week.

The bill states that banks will be allowed to own no more than 20% of any non-bank company in four years' time.

The limit is scheduled to go down to 18% in five years and 16% in six years.

It also states that banks will be allowed to invest no more than 25% of their capital in non-bank companies.

The bill also states that banks will be allowed to control no more than one major non-banking conglomerate.

This means that Bank Hapoalim would have to sell its shares in either Clal or Koor.

Banks will also no longer be allowed to hold minority stakes in other banks.

Finally, the bill states that banks will not be able to appoint the chairman, managing director or chief financial officer of non-bank institutions in which they own stock, and that a majority of the members of mutual funds' investment committees must be representatives of the public rather than of the banks.

Elbit suffers drop in net profits

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ELBIT announced yesterday a 38.8 percent drop in annual net profits to $18.35 million from $30m. in 1994.

Earnings per share fell to $0.86 from $1.57, while consolidated revenues rose to $938m. from $758m.

Elbit, the country's sixth largest industrial company, develops and manufactures electronic systems primarily for the defense industry but also for the medical, commercial and communication sectors.

Fourth quarter net profits increased 48% to $4m. from $2.69m. Quarterly revenues went up to $260.47m. from $248.8m., while earnings per share went up to $0.19 from $0.13.

Annual net profits were impacted by losses in the company's television manufacturing operation.

New investments Elbit Ultrasound reached operational profit in the fourth quarter and Fibronics (acquired from Elron in late 1994) approached the break-even point during the same period.

Subsidiary Elscint achieved substantial growth last year and recently announced a reverse stock split on a one-for-five basis.

The recoveries were attributed to Elbit's reorganization measures and to seasonal fourth quarter growth.

According to Elbit's redivision, consolidated revenues consisted of $539m. (56%) in healthcare, $297m. (30%) in defense and $132m. (14%) in communications and commercial businesses.

Elron Electronics Industries, the Haifa based multinational holding company, reported a 63 percent rise in annual net profits to $10.3 million from $6.3m. in 1994.

Annual revenues went up to $1.2m. from $1m., while earnings per share rose to $0.51 from $0.35.

Revenues on subsidiaries went up to $4.7m. from $2.8m. Elron registered a $5.2m. loss on the sale of subsidiary Fibronics in 1994.

Fourth quarter net profits went up to $3.1m. from $1.1m., while earnings per share rose to $0.15 from $0.05.

Elron's part in subsidiary Elbit's net profits was $6.8m., compared with $13m. in 1994. Elron owns 40% of Elbit capital share. The drop was due to losses experienced by Elbit's television division.

Elron's part in losses suffered by other subsidiaries was $2.1m. from $5m. in 1994 (including $2.9m. on the Fibronics sale).

Revenues as a result of changes in holdings increased to $3.8m. from $1.3m., and were primarily affected by $3.3m. raised by Zoran Communications IPO on NASDAQ.

Elron also gained $700,000 on an options realization in Chip Express.

Elron's board of directors yesterday announced a quarterly dividend of $0.06 per share. Total dividends for 1995 were $0.18 per share.

Super-Sol completed the fourth quarter with a 27.3 percent growth in net profits to NIS 27.6 million from NIS 21.6m. in the corresponding period last year.

Annual net profits increased 50% to NIS 83.8m.

Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 9.61% from 6.88% in 1994.

The improved earnings are due to a 19.2% growth in annual sales turnover to NIS 2.64b.

Sales turnover in the fourth quarter rose 16% to NIS 694m.

Annual operating profits increased 21.2% to NIS 128.5m. from NIS 106m.

The company's performance was partly hindered by its subsidiaries. Super-Office reported a net loss of NIS 10.5m., compared with a net profit of NIS 5.4m. Management said the company has taken measures intended to increase sales, efficiency, management and operations this year.

Other loss-making subsidiaries included Super-Kozert, Super Sol's Hungarian supermarket chain. It reported a net loss of NIS 517,000, mainly due to losses in the first half of the year. In the second half, net profits reached NIS 900,000.

Super Sol Kne Uvne, a chain of do-it-yourself hardware stores, reported a drop in net profit to NIS 2.3m. from NIS 2.7m. in 1994. The results include fourth quarter losses of NIS 900m. as a result of losses in the chains Ace stores.

Clal Trade, a subsidiary of Clal Israel, reported a 286% growth in net profits last year to NIS 21.64m. from NIS 5.64m. in 1994.

The rise in earnings was mainly due to higher profits from the service companies, as well as an improvement in its trade and marketing companies, computers, and advertising.

The results were hindered by the retail group. In the reported period, Clal Retail Chains, a subsidiary of Clal Trade, lost NIS 12.99m., compared with losses of NIS 15.75m. in 1994.

Bank Leumi le-Israel (Switzerland), a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, reported a 9% rise in annual net profits to SFr 43m. from 1994.

Net return on equity reached 17.6%. Leumi Switzerland is engaged mainly in private banking for international customers through its two branches in Zurich and Geneva.

At the end of 1995, the bank had SFr 633m. in assets, compared with SFr 754m., not including deposits in trust and securities portfolios held in trust for bank customers. Shareholders equity reached SFr 226.6m.

The board of directors recommended the bank pay a cash dividend of 30% of its paid capital.

First International Bank Switzerland (Fibi Switzerland), a subsidiary of First International Bank, ended the year with a 12% rise in net profit to SFr 1.2m. from SFr 1.1m. in 1994.

Net return on equity increased to 4.9% from 4.6%.

Fibi Switzerland provides private and commercial banking. The bank said its improved performance since 1991 stands out in light of the economic slowdown in Switzerland.

Profit from financing operations after provisions for doubtful debts fell 10.3% to SFr 2.6m. from SFr 2.9m. in 1994. The bank blamed the decline on the continued weakness of the dollar and the fall in the interest rate of the Swiss franc.

First International Bank UK (Fibi UK), First International Bank's Swiss-based subsidiary, completed the year with a 41.2% growth in net profits to £2m. from £1.4m.

Net return on equity increased to 9.6% from 7.3%.

Mul-T-Lock suffered an 11% decrease in annual net profits to NIS 10.6m. from NIS 11.95m. in 1994.

The company said profits were continuing to be eroded by the gap between the dollar exchange rate and CPI.

Rapac Electronics reported an increase in annual net profits to NIS 8.1m. from NIS 6m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 94.9m. from NIS 86m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 1.50 from NIS 1.11.

Macpell returned to profitability in 1995, with NIS 801,000 in annual net profits, compared with net losses of NIS 17.2m. in 1994.

Annual revenues went up to NIS 273.68m. from NIS 182.15m.

Gulf oil producers warn OPEC cheaters to beware of drop

LONDON (Reuter) – Influential Mideast oil producers, including world leading exporter Saudi Arabia, warned fellow OPEC members to curb rampant output now or face a big oil price fall should Iraq make a quick return to world oil markets.

Well-placed Gulf sources said Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE would not cut their own output if ongoing talks between Iraq and the United Nations result in the appearance of oil exports from Iraq for the first time since it was hit by sanctions after it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

The sources said if all 12 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) abided by quotas world oil markets would "easily" absorb Iraqi oil without a price drop.

Gulf sources said they did not see why Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members who had consistently abided by quotas should make sacrifices and allow some members, namely Venezuela, to produce at will.

"It is impossible for others to cut when Venezuela and some others are totally ignoring quotas," a Gulf source said. "If the price falls when Iraq comes back, Venezuela will be responsible."

Oil analysts say that though world oil demand is expected to rise sharply this year, it is doubtful it can absorb Iraq's return and the current high OPEC overproduction without a drop in prices, especially if it coincides with the second and third quarters – when demand is seasonally weaker.

OPEC has not changed its 24.52 million barrel per day (bpd) ceiling since 1993, but chronic overproduction has pushed the collective total to the highest level since 1980.

According to a survey of industry officials and analysts, OPEC produced 26 million bpd in February, with cash-strapped Venezuela and Nigeria the biggest overproducers.

"For the time being, OPEC overproduction is being absorbed. However, the current level of oil prices fails to discount the potential for further overproduction by certain OPEC members and the possibility of Iraq's return," says oil analyst Medhi Varzi of Kleinwort Benson in a recent report.

The United Arab Emirates has already said it would not cut production if Iraq was allowed to resume limited oil exports, and Kuwait is also unlikely to trim output to allow its Gulf War foe to return to the market, sources say.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Erwin Arrieta always dismisses claims that his country is overshooting its OPEC limit, but Venezuelan industry sources admit the country is at least 400,000 bpd over its 2.359 million bpd quota.

"[Venezuela] is hurting [itself] if they continue to cheat," one Gulf source said. "They are not thinking about the opportunities lost."

This source and other OPEC and non-OPEC oil officials say OPEC overproduction is killing any chance that major oil producers outside OPEC like Norway will curb output to help shore up prices.

"It will be very hard to make others in OPEC cut quotas and very hard to get cooperation from non-OPEC... If some countries do not honor their signatures when they sign an agreement, the whole process becomes meaningless," a Gulf source said.

However, this source and others in key OPEC member states dismissed the possibility of another oil production free-for-all like the one in 1986, which pushed oil prices below $10.

"In the oil market, you have to have some type of control," one Gulf source said. "It is in the interest of all major producers with high reserves to have a balanced market."

OPEC President Ammar Makhloufi is to visit OPEC member countries soon to urge some of them to respect their quotas.

Although cold weather has sparked increased demand recently, selling intensifies every time the market is reminded of the possibility that at least 600,000-750,000 bpd of Iraqi oil could hit the market in coming months.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.3.96)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.375	4.375	4.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.250	4.125	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	2.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.250	0.250	0.500
Yen (10 million yen)	–	–	–

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (12.3.96)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4613	3.5172	—	—	3.4820
U.S. dollar	3.0732	3.1226	3.02	3.17	3.0940
German mark	2.0717	2.1052	2.03	2.14	2.0822
Pound sterling	4.6758	4.7513	4.59	4.82	4.7020
French franc	0.6050	0.6149	0.59	0.63	0.6083
Japanese yen (100)	2.9055	2.9524	2.85	3.00	2.9254
Dutch florin	1.8510	1.8809	1.82	1.91	1.8601
Swiss franc	2.5536	2.5948	2.50	2.64	2.5716
Swedish krona	0.4505	0.4578	0.44	0.47	0.4531
Norwegian krone	0.4766	0.4843	0.46	0.50	0.4794
Danish krone	0.5364	0.5451	0.52	0.55	0.5392
Finnish mark	0.6678	0.6786	0.65	0.69	0.6713
Canadian dollar	2.2498	2.2862	2.21	2.32	2.2577
Australian dollar	2.3620	2.4073	2.32	2.45	2.3819
S. African rand	0.7947	0.7974	0.71	0.80	0.7900
Belgian franc (10)	1.0076	1.0239	0.99	1.04	1.0134
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9463	2.9939	2.89	3.04	2.9612
Italian lira (1000)	1.9859	1.9977	1.93	2.03	1.9901
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.22	4.52	4.4344
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.87	0.95	0.9359
ECU	3.8382	3.9002	—	—	3.8562
Irish punt	4.8096	4.8872	4.72	4.96	4.8375
Spanish pesets (100)	2.4649	2.5047	2.42	2.54	2.4776

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	... NIS 3.0940	- 0.19%
Sterling	...... NIS 4.7020	- 0.37%
Mark	.... NIS 2.0822	- 0.37%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	5583.89	+2.89
DJ Transport	2093.56	-1.89
DJ Utis	212.9	-2.79
DJ Comp	1737.6	-2.58
NYSE Industr	434.88	-0.59
NYSE Transport	320.59	-2.24
NYSE Comp	341.38	-1.36
S&P 100	614.33	-2.51
S&P Spot Index	637.09	-2.93
AMEX Comp	558.17	-2.21

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	-718	939	1445
Volume up (in 1000's)			182513
Volume down (in 1000's)			238391

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3639.5	-35
Tokyo Nikkei average	19950.2	+154
Singapore all-share index	563.91	-16.53
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	10802.4	+205
Israel Index	158.24	-2.61

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	37.125	+0.25
Ampal A	5.875	-0.375
Aryt	0.6875	-0.0625
BioTechnology	7.625	-0.3125
Carmel Cont	10.25	+0.5
Frutarom (electrochem)	2.875	+0
Elscint	12.875	+0.125
Etz Lavud	6.25	-0.125
Etz Lavud A	5.375	+0.125
Laser T.	9	-0.0625
PEC	20.875	-0.125
Tadiran	28.75	-0.25
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	7	-0.25
Aladdin	10.375	-0.125
Accent	34.25	+1.75
4TH. Dimension	8	+0
BVR	7.75	+0
Comverse	20.125	+0.25
Data (Defense)	6.625	+0.0625
DSP Comm.	46.5	-0.75
ECI	23.75	-1
Edunetics	1.8125	0
Edu-Soft	6.625	-0.25
Electric Fuel	6.375	+0
EFFI	38.75	-0.375
Elbit	16	-0.25
Elron	12.125	-0.25
Eshed Robotec	0.5	0
M. Systems	3.625	+0.125
Gilat	25.75	-0.25
ISG	6.625	-0.25
Geotek	11	+0
Health Tech	1.1875	+0.0625
Home Center	6.875	+0
Idan	0.4375	+0.0625
IIS	2.125	-0.125
Indigo	17.25	+0.75
Isramco	0.5625	-0.03125
First Isr Fund	12.125	-0.125
Koor Indus.	19.375	-0.25
Lanoptics	8.875	-0.625
Magal	4.125	+0.03125
Media-Al	0.78125	0
Mercury	18.5	+0.625
Magic	10.5	-0.125
Opal	12.25	+0.25
Orbotech	11.125	-0.125
Oshap Tech	2.875	-0.09375
Pharmos	1.9375	+0.0625
Rada	3.5	-0.125
Scitex	14.75	-0.25
Silicom	3	+0
T.A.T. Technol	1.1875	+0
Taro Vit	8.625	-0.125
Teledata	9	+0.125
Telegraph	1.25	0
Tower Semicond	18.25	+0
Teva	38.125	-2.25
TVG	1.6875	+0
Vocaltec	13.125	-1.875

(All listings are closing quotes)

Commstock Trading-Ltd. (Date 12-MAR-96)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5241	+0.0003
	Jun.future (CME)	1.5214	-0
D-mark:	spot	1.4747	-0.0073
	Jun.future (CME)	0.682	+0.0034
S-franc:	spot	1.1881	-0.0063
	Jun.future (CME)	0.8465	+0.006
Yen:	spot	105.26	-0.18
	Jun.future (CME)	0.009627	+1.8e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3687	+0.0027
	Jun.future (CME)	0.7312	-0.0006
AusDlr:	spot	0.7702	+0.0021
	Jun.future (CME)	0.768	+0.0014
F-franc:	spot	5.0482	-0.0256
I Lira:	spot	1557.5	-8.5
Nlg:	spot	1.6512	-0.0083
AutShlg:	spot	10.3987	-0.0139
Rand:	spot	3.93	-0.01
ECU:	spot	1.2538	+0.0048
Bonds	Jun.future	111.875	-0.4375
S and P	Jun.future	641.4	-3.55

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.4063	0
Dollar	6 months	5.4375	0
Dollar	12 months	5.625	0
Sterling	3 months	6.1875	0
Sterling	6 months	6.1875	-0.0625
Sterling	12 months	6.375	0
S-franc	3 months	1.8125	0
S-franc	6 months	1.8125	0
S-franc	12 months	2	0
D-mark	3 months	3.375	0
D-mark	6 months	3.3438	0
D-mark	12 months	3.4688	-0.0312
Yen	3 months	0.5	0
Yen	6 months	0.5625	-0.0625
Yen	12 months	0.75	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1230	-10
Coffee (May) (CEC)	115.95	+2.95
Sugar no.11 (May) (CEC)	12.09	-0.07
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	483	-8.5
Soybean (Jul) (CBOT)	735.25	-1.25
Orange juice (May)(CEC)	134.5	-1.95
Crude oil light (Jun)(CEC)	18.78	+0.28

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	897	-14
Coffee (May) (LCE)	1859	+2
Brent crude oil (Jun)(IPE)	1728	+20

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	396.55	+0.75
Silver:	spot	5.57	+0.08

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Jun)	400.5	+0.8
Silver (May)	5.598	+0.07
Platinum (Jul)	417.5	+1.8
Palladium (Jun)	144.2	+1.1
High-grade copper (May)	1.1965	+0.0065

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	398	-0.6
Gold PM fix	396.25	+0.5
Silver fix	556.7	+1.1

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Name	Price	%chg
Commercial Banks		
IndDevBK	15836	
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MarIC	161.00	-0.8
MerkanC		
OHH	128249	
Trade	471	
TradeC	151.50	
Mortgage Banks & Finance		
Adanim	403712	
Carmel	449	
CarmC3	274	
FinaMB	40487	
IndepMB	83090	-0.2
J lemC	139.50	0.4
JlemBnk	161.50	
LeumiMBR	49847	-3.2
Mizinv	5733	
TefahotB	167782	
TefahotR	189285	1.0
Financial Institutions Insurance		
Ilocins.	150.50	-2.0
mivtahsha	876	
Ayalon	437	3.3
AyalonC		
Elian	427	
ElianC1	242	0.4
Hadar1	454	0.4
Hadar5	397	1.5
HamshmrC	221	-0.5
Hamshmr1	1814	2.0
Hamshmr5	1497	
Menorah1	898	1.0
Menorah5	930	
Phoenix1	2358	1.0
Phoenix5	2104	
Sahar	887	
Zion5	8577	
Trade & Services		
aboodiagn	67.50	
arida	1499	1.3
gilrak	674	
heshmira	436	-1.4
isabenra	136.50	-0.4
klshsau	789	
maariwhid	808	-0.7
mtveys	3147	
nisco	1169	3.0
redaeshtl	118.00	0.4
techam	858	-1.9
tkn	199.00	-2.0
wilger	78.00	-3.2
BezekW2	225	4.2
BndWthC1	144.50	0.3
BndWthC2	141.00	-0.4
BondWthI L	2795	1.5
Cizg0.1	48180	
Clal Comp	28545	0.2
ClalCmpC	230	2.2
Comtec	289	
CorBeach	1416	1.0
Crystal	2001	
Dalin1	2.30	4.5
Danel	1284	1.0
DanHotl1	1850	
Data	651	
DCL	578	4.0
Elad	77.00	2.7
Elltech	358	
Feldman	201	1.3
Gal	281	4.1
GanHadar	298	
GanHadC	229	
GranitC1	111.50	0.5
Granit	448	
GranitW2	21.80	4.8
Greenbrg	115.50	-10.1
HGIIC1	149.50	-1.0
HGIIW1	7.30	
HGII1	284	-0.4
Ingama1	2899	-3.7
Ingama5	2890	-0.3
ILDCHOT	324	-0.3
Kind	80.00	
Kopel	150.00	-3.5
KopelC1	182.50	
Litez	977	10.0
Mafil	1031	0.5
Medtech	436	2.1
MLLC1	174.50	
MLL1	159.00	
MZPK	445	-0.2
Nirun1	789	
Rapac	1810	
Regency Ho	88.00	-2.0
Reshet	88.50	
ReshetC1	135.00	
Team	1937	
TeamC1	169.00	0.6
Teleys	924	1.0
Topline	319	
TrendLin	920	
Yaad	386	
YaadC1	131.50	
Yaara	694	-0.3
Yada1	741	-10.0
Yona	497	-0.4
Industrials		
ashotashk	219	7.4
imco	420	3.4
kadooriegn	260	
lipman	2262	-5.0
merathon	80.00	
plryton	349	5.1
solog	573	0.7
tolrauer	517	8.8
vientrix	56.00	7.7
yehodael	431	4.9
zimmesl	1562	4.8
AckersC	131.00	
Adumim1	205	
Alliance	851	0.5
Alony	289	
Alum811L	7398	-1.0
Angel	5659	-1.0
Argaman	292	7.4
Aryt	201	10.1
ArytC1	43.40	8.5
Ashply	994	1.2
AshplyC1	201	3.1
Ashrom	549	2.4
Azmon	378	1.1
AzmonW1	42.70	
Azimuth	343	3.9
Belmon	443	
Boulo	139.50	1.8
BoulosC1	211	0.5
Brosh1	224	
CablesC3	143.50	-1.4
CablesW3	172.00	3.6
Caroline	594	0.5
Cargal	987	2.2
Castro	1175	0.3
Chem	262	-1.1
CldStrC	233	0.4
CldStr0.1	1939	2.3
Clind C3	186.50	1.4
Cyclone1	2326	0.7
Cyclone5	1576	-0.5
CyclonC1	155.00	-0.6
CyclonC2	59.50	
Dafronci	200	0.3
Datron1	1802	2.0
Decision	199.00	-0.5
Delta 1	823	
Delta3	837	-0.5
Dexter	1900	
DubekB	12121	
DubekR	11998	4.7
EdanTec	52.50	
Elam	180.50	3.1
Elcolnd	7443	3.7
Elctmcs	489	
Elcr 0.5	10238	0.7
ElecG4	352	-0.6
EshdRbic	273	-0.4
Evrol	285	5.2
Fertzr5	819	
Fort0.1	700	
FeuchtW1	7997	
Five J	425	1.7
FrutarC1	222	
FrutarC2		
GiborC1	109.00	0.9
GiborSab	195.50	
GiborW2	27.30	
Golan	962	-0.5
Helenot1	388	
Helenot5	180.00	8.1
Hod	253	
Holk	189.50	1.5
IsrCan1	2617	
Kadmany1	243	
Kadem	5871	0.5
KademC2	193.50	0.3
Kater	483	-0.2
King1	445	0.5
KitanC1	147.00	-0.3
Kill	1939	
Kils	1820	0.5
Lahiam1	3089	
Lipski	2808	
Lodzia1	1212	
Lodzie4	904	1.0
LuhotGal	70.00	
MacPell	241	10.0
Magam	403	3.1
Man1	124.00	5.1
Maxima1	1273	8.0
Maxima5	1149	0.3
Mei Eden	1360	0.2
Modgal	903	-1.0
Mozaica1	772	
Mozaica5	654	
Naca	28891	-1.0
NegCeram	247	2.1
Nehusht1	810	-1.0
Nehusht5	609	
Naviot	1108	
NMC	629	4.0
Ofis	489	4.7
Ophir	298	2.4
Orazit	241	10.0
Orbit1	278	
OrdaPmt	1805	2.5
Ortis	336	0.9
PackerW2	4784	3.0
PazChen	397	1.5
Pika	910	1.0
PolgatA	150.00	2.4
PolgatC1	200	0.3
Poliair1	428	
Polygon	335	0.6
Poseidon	43.20	
PCB	571	1.8
Rabintex	119.00	
RabintxW	11.70	
Sanikon	159.00	
Sano1	1120	4.0
Sano5	1001	0.5
Solen	378	1.1
Shemen	10897	-1.0
Snlador	87.00	
Spcmx	169.00	
Sunfrost	4678	-0.5
Taal	200	5.0
Tadiran	519	2.0
Tasso	283	2.3
Tadea	1835	1.2
TevaC		
Tiv	285	
Tooias1	715	3.0
Topper	80.50	-8.9
TATC1	181.00	0.6
TAT1	259	4.0
Unibar1	826	
Unibar5	381	-1.9
VitalgoT	320	9.6
Vulcan	207	0.5
VulcanC	183.50	
Wardinon	14994	
WardinW3	3308	2.0
YtongC2		
Zlhaw	186.00	-4.4
Zika1	897	
Zika5	785	-3.2
Zkat1	2979	
Zik5	2602	1.0
ZionCab1	519	
Zonarind	372	1.1
Property, Building & Agriculture		
a.dori	204	
alonihatz	81.00	1.3
buildpro	378	
grandctr	85.50	
jacobshr	152.00	
pandor	480	
ravad	230	
tzarfati	432	
wallson	80242	2.0
y.stang	124.00	
Adler	194.50	9.9
Alrov	1265	-0.5
Arazim	171.50	7.9
Arazim C1	194.50	0.3
Arladan1	1055	
Assia	862	
AssiaC4	153.50	1.3
AssiaW2	1.00	
Assuta	845	
AssutaC1	219	-0.5
AzorprC1	268	-3.9
AzorProp	511	
Bar—Ton1	1842	
Barano1	467	1.5
Bayside5	28045	4.5
BaysideC1	28692	1.3
BenYaKar	1847	-1.2
BenYaKrW1	214	-29.8
BenYherC	120.00	2.1
BldgRes	2118	0.5
BLNTIN	1286	3.0
Caesrea1	3795	0.5
CohenDev	373	1.1
Conactr	1425	9.0
Danly	877	
DanKner	1367	1.5
DanKnerC	172.00	0.3
Darad1	135.50	1.5
Dunbar	5031	
Engel	337	-0.9
Gazit	425	-0.9
GazitW1	151.00	
GoldHous	288	
GldHouseC	217	4.3
Ispro	2692	-0.5
Isralom	1854	
IsralomC	222	0.5
IsrasC1	203	
Israsl0.5	4337	
Israsl1	4485	1.0
ICP5	24373	
Jaysour1	121.00	
Jordan	459	
Lazmich	165.00	0.6
LazmiC1	135.50	0.4
Lazmick	270	0.4
Litshiz1	207	8.1
Litshiz5	139.50	4.5
Lumir1	1921	
Lwnstn1	690	
MalibuC2	142.00	0.4
Malibu1	881	3.5
MarLazC2	118.50	0.4
MarLazW3	30.00	
Melisron	1038	1.0
Minrav	886	
Mishnael	91.50	
MLT	1227	
MTM	1324	1.0
NeotAviv	1182	
OctfC1	139.00	
OctfW1	2252	2.0
Oholiab	713	
Oz	284	
Pergod	1662	
PrtOr	7926	4.5
Raseco	1416	1.5
RedSea	513	0.6
RogovinL	951	
Rogovin5	874	
Rolem	686	5.7
Scandia	50.50	
Shaked	497	-0.2
Tashtuz	297	
Unicom1	92.00	-3.7
Investment Companies		
darbani1	372	
idar	455	1.1
taya	900	
Abjac	7.80	-8.0
Ackerst1	1259	-2.0
Ackers2	1223	-0.5
AfnerC	431	-0.2
Ampa	119455	-0.2
Arad	3700	
Atlan	1894	1.5
Atmer	1.80	
Azr aC2	191.50	
Baruch1	1233	-5.0
Baruch5	623	-9.1
Binyan	29212	8.0
Clal50	7082	3.0
DanbarC	216	
Denbar1	2728	-0.3
DIKOEx1	751	4.0
Edger	113.00	1.3
EdgarC2	147.00	
Elem	3052	0.5
Emeh	182.00	-9.0
Evergr n	1866	8.8
ExportC4	212	
Gahelet	8878	0.5
Hemen	1917	-0.3
Hilan	297	-0.3
Hiron5	8996	
Iscal	750	-1.1
IDLC8	213	3.9
JoelC1	186.00	
JoelC1A	187.50	-0.3
Karclan1	388	2.1
Kiwi	200	
Magor1	1874	3.3
Magor5	1715	
Mirage	77.00	
Nolett	348	
Naphtha	16.80	1.8
Ofer	7537	
Optima	111.50	-5.1
Pamal0.1	891	
PazolEx	582	-10.0
Regent1	305	0.3
Rim1	348	
Rim4	331	
SaharDev	1527	
Securis	1375	
SecurisC	132.00	1.1
SecurisW	64.00	
SAPANHASP	946	2.0
TayaC		
TzurC1	197.50	
TzurSHmr	80.50	0.6
Unico	4393	
Yissum	86.00	10.3
Oil Exploration		
MGN1	587	
PARALLEL LIST		
Trade & Services		
Property, Building		
GzutC1	308	
ScandiaC	114.00	
UnicomG1	172.50	0.3
Industrials		
ManC1	186.50	1.9
NacaG1	208	
OrazitC	112.00	
PolygonC	177.00	0.6
Tbnveal	148.50	

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
alrisrht	582			582		7450
electrac	4022	5.0	1440	4022	5.0	4519
nacional	153.0	0.2		153.0	0.3	25304
Ackerlin	464	2.7	15200	462	2.2	9702
Afris 0.	345411	0.7	135	345411	0.7	41
Afrisr	301559	1.7	42	298336	1.0	23
Agan	5035	0.7	1750	5035	0.7	5925
Ags	2481	0.7	13600	2443		19129
Azonm	3480	1.2		3480	1.3	2295
ALPM	11568	2.7	300	11568	2.8	2405
Baran	2866	9.0	5600	2872	9.2	14535
Bezek	864	2.5	301400	856	1.5	26756
Cables	1551	1.0		1551	1.0	7050
Clal Ele	37724	2.2	2250	37632	2.0	1778
Clal Tra	902	2.7	4200	878		
Clal 10	8249	1.2	6900	8188	0.5	3000
Clalns	1629	3.7		1629	3.8	2793
Cldstr 5	1813	2.0		1813	2.0	2251
Clnds	1860	1.2	45100	1860	1.3	22355
CoOp	2308	2.7	11700	2285	1.7	5366
Danbar 5	2002	2.0	900	2002	2.0	905
Dead Sea	928	2.2	26000	922	1.8	3123
Degem1	594			594		15303
Delek	8796	2.7	2200	8754	2.3	1388
DevtMB	18855	2.5		18855	2.5	328
Discinv	22707	1.7	8160	22661	1.5	991
Elbit	16892	0.2	7040	16650		
Elco	14064	2.0	3920	13960	1.2	720
Elite 5	1276	1.5	4500	1276	1.5	8532
Elron	12530	2.2	7840	12254		
Export	1222	1.5	1500	1222	1.5	12184
FeuchtW5	7528	2.2	750	7509	2.0	453
Fibi	44381	2.0	120	44381	2.0	313
Formula	2042	2.5	4500	2042	2.5	3975
Frstint1	36359	1.2	150	36269	1.0	144
Frstint5	37523	1.5	400	37523	1.5	1171
Frutarom	901	2.7		901	2.7	7512
General	8055	1.5	220	8035	1.2	1375
Hapoalm	473	1.5	563500	475	1.9	123504
Hapolm	8864		220	8854		3243
IndBldg	368	3.2	125000	365	2.5	57145
Isramco	1.8	3.5	15840000	1.8	5.9	2717341
IsrCorp1	24135	1.0	400	24075	0.7	581
IsrCorp5	21008	2.2		21008	2.2	141
IsChem	261		690000	261		649227
IDB	1177	2.0	168300	1166	1.0	49140
IDBDev	5612	2.0	12950	5598	1.7	1636
ILDC	934	1.2	4000	931	1.0	16321
Jaf-ora	1059	4.0		1059	4.0	125
JEC	805	1.7	22000	801	1.3	19940
JOEL	81.0	-0.5	22000	81.5		35739
Kardan5	363	2.5	18000	362	2.3	21001
Kitan	628		3200	628		12270
Koor	30006	0.2	10440	29931		1869
Leumi	413	1.7	364500	410	1.0	97466
Makhtesh	1987	2.0	32400	1987	2.0	5171
Malibu5	826	3.0		826	3.0	5205
Maman	575		45000	575		17452
Markt1	1389	-0.2	6000	1392		8630
Mashov	396	-1.5	48000	403	0.2	22498
Mehadrin	7804	3.7		7804	3.7	25
MeirEzra	576	3.0		576	3.0	3860
Mishkan	31460			31460		129
Mivtah	1518	0.5		1518	0.5	13126
Multiock	972	6.0	3600	917		
NatoilDS	2.9			2.9		487879
Nice1	3969	5.2	4800	3969	5.3	2552
Ocif	8042	2.0		8042	2.0	1004
Ormat	430	2.2		430	2.1	10307
Osem	2038	-0.2	73000	2043		7600
Pecker	10925	0.2	1500	10898		556
Pericles	2235	-1.0		2235	-1.0	7230
Petrchem	1724	3.0	3300	1724	3.0	10663
Piryon	9010	2.0		9010	2.0	303
PolgatB	154.5	1.7	12000	154.5	1.6	142420
Rogosin	2240	2.0		2240	2.0	1036
Secom	291	1.0	42000	290	0.7	30933
SelaPump	30.1	2.0		30.1	2.0	74232
Shiton	11398	1.5		11398	1.5	930
Steel	226	0.2	7000	225		47395
SupersIB	7223	4.5	32760	6912		
Tamboue	716	0.5	10000	712		10183
Tempo1	1364	0.5		1364	0.5	5005
Teva	124132	-2.2	2324	125084	-1.5	1331
TAT5	140.0			140.0		29471
Urdan 0.	461			461		47086
Ytong	893	-0.5	4400	893	-0.4	21200

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Discount leads gains on market

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

204.94 +1.27% — Two-Sided Index

214.85 +1.15% — Maof Index

STOCK indexes rose yesterday, following gains on Monday by US stocks, as local companies reported rising fourth-quarter profits.

Gains were led by Israel Discount Bank, which went up 0.75 percent in its first day of trading. Discount was the most active share on the exchange with NIS 7.5 million worth of shares changing hands.

The Maof Index rose 1.15% to 214.85 and the Two-Sided Index went up 1.27% to 204.94.

Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, nearly three times as many shares rose as fell.

More than NIS 83 million worth of shares traded.

"The whole world was waiting for America," said Dan Alt, a broker with Tel Aviv investment firm Nesuah Trading. "It had a tremendous influence, but it wasn't the only positive factor in Tel Aviv."

Alt pointed to the success of the government's sale of 14.4% of Bank Discount as "adding to" share prices across the board.

The shares in the country's third-largest bank in terms of assets, which were priced at NIS 3.2 each, were oversubscribed three times and warrants, priced at NIS 3.7, were oversubscribed six times. The sale was the first government sale of a state-owned bank on the exchange in more than two years.

Gaining Maof Index-listed companies included Super-Sol, which rose 4.5%. The company reported forth-quarter net income rose 28% to NIS 27.3m.

Another company reporting gains along with the rise in the nation's standard of living was Electra Consumer Products, listed on the Mishtanim Index, which rose 5%. (Bloomberg)

FTSE slumps after weak start on Wall St.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - The FTSE Index ended lower for the fifth consecutive session as a weak start on Wall Street, easier bonds and an annual week-long major horse racing event at Cheltenham, kept buyers at bay.

The FTSE 100 index closed 35.0 points down at 3,639.5.

TOKYO - Tokyo shares ended firm but off their highs following a strong overnight recovery on Wall Street.

Dow falls 90, then closes up

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Stock prices closed with a slight gain in a roller-coaster session that saw the Dow index recover from a loss of more than 90 points.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 2.89 points at 5,583.89, according to early and unofficial estimates, but declines overtook advances by a 14-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume was a strong 457 million shares.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4448/53	71.38/41	0.8093/96	3.4243/48
STERLING	2.2464/74	—	160.36/48	1.8175/89	7.6908/87
YEN	1.3999/13	0.6231/36	—	1.1331/43	4.7944/86
SFr	123.45/64	0.5495/02	88.18/2N	—	4.2278/39
FFr	0.2918/22	0.1299/00	20.82/8N	0.2362/65	—

Prices from 23:00 local time

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
Alza	32.25	-0.125
AMP Inc	42.375	+0.375
AMR Corp	90.625	+2.75
ASA	44.625	+0.125
Abbott Labs	42.375	+0.125
Acme Cleveland	30.5	+0
Advanced Micro	17.25	-0.375
Aetna Life	75.25	+0.125
Affiliated Publ	7.1875	-0.125
Aflac	46.75	-0.5
Ahmanson (HF)	23.75	-0.5
Air Prods	54.625	-0.375
Alberto-Culv B	37.875	+0.125
Albertson's	37.875	+0.625
Alcan Aluminum	33.5	+0
Alco Standard	48.75	-1.5
Alex & Alex	18.375	-0.125
Allegheny Power	28.875	-0.25
Allied Signal	57.75	+0.5
Alcoa	61.375	-0.125
Amax	34.5	-0.25
Amdahl Corp	9	-0.1875
Amerada Hess	51.75	-0.375
Amer Brands	44.75	-0.25
Amer El Power	41.125	-0.5
Amer Express	45.125	+0.625
Amer Genl Corp	35.25	-0.25
Amer Greeting	28.3125	-0.8125
Amer Home Pr	99.875	-0.125
Amer Int'l	91.75	-1.375
Amer Natl Ins	65.75	+0
Amer Stores	29.25	+0.125
Amer T & T	62	-0.125
Ameritech	53.375	-1.875
Ametek Inc	17	+0.125
Amgen	60.875	-0.625
Amoco	69.5	+0.125
Analog Devices	24.75	-0.625
Anheuser-Busch	67.625	-0.375
Aon Corp	50.125	-0.875
Apple Computer	25.8125	-0.0625
Applied Magnetics	15.75	+0.125
Archer Daniels	18.75	+0.375
Armco	5.5	-0.125
Armstrong World	60.75	+0.5
Asarco	34	+0.625
Ashland Oil	38.75	+0.375
AST Research	6	-0.25
Atlantic Rchfld	109.75	+1
Auto Data Pro	38.5	-0.25
Autodesk	38.75	+2.25
Avery Dennison	53.5	-0.625
Avnet Inc	47.5	+0.25
Avon Products	88.5	+0.125
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Balmco Corp	8.375	-0.125
Baker Hughes	28.375	+0.375
Ball Corp	30.125	+0.125
Bally	15.5	-0.125
Baltimore Gas	28.625	-0.5
Banc One Corp	34.25	-0.75
Bandag	51.375	-0.5
BankAmerica	72.375	+0.625
Bank of Boston	48.375	+0.125
Bank of New Yk	49.375	-0.5
Bankers Trst NY	65.375	+0.625
Barnett Banks	60.75	+0
Battle Mount Gd	9.625	-0.75
Bausch & Lomb	38.75	+0.25
Baxter Intl	45.875	+0.25
Becton Dickinson	82.875	-1.375
Bell Atlantic	62.625	-1.375
Bell Industries	20.875	-0.375
BellSouth	37.125	-1.25
HA Belo Corp	33.875	+0.125
Beneficial Corp	54.25	+1.25
Berkshire H. Inc	36800	-250
Bethlehem Steel	14.25	-0.25
Beverly Entprs	11.25	+0
Biomet	18.375	-0.5
Black & Decker	35.75	+0.625
Boeing	81.75	-1.25
Boise Cascade	40.125	-0.375
Bowater Inc	40.25	+0
Briggs & Strtn	43.125	+0.375
Bristl Myrs Sqb	85.75	-0.25
Brit Airws ADR	78.75	-1.5
Brit Steel ADR	28	+0.125
Brit Telecom	54.875	-1.375
Brooklyn Union	28	-0.125
Brown Group	13	+0
Brown & Sharpe	9.25	+0.125
Browning Ferris	32.125	+0.875
Brunswick	22.75	+0
Burlington Nthn	82	-0.75
CBS Inc	18.75	+0
CMS Energy Corp	28.75	-0.375
CPC Intern	68.875	-0.125
CSX Corporation	44.875	-0.875
Cabot Corp	60.75	+0
Campbell Soup	62.375	-0.125
Capital Cts ABC	-	-
Carolina Pwr Lt	35	-1.375
Carpenter Tech	39.125	-0.375
Caterpillar	70.625	+0.75
Centerior Energy	8.25	+0
Centex Corp	28.875	-0.375
Central & SW	28.875	+0
Ceridian	45	-0.75
Champion Intl	48	+0
Chrmg Shoppers	4.6875	-0.125
Chase Manhattan	67.875	-0.125
Chemical Bkg	65.75	-0.125
Chevron Corp	54.5	-0.125
Cheyenne Sftware	22.125	-0.25
Chiquita Brands	15.875	-0.375
Chrysler	61.5	+1.25
Chubb Corp	94.875	-1.125
Cisco	45.375	-0.5
Citicorp	75.875	-1
Citicasters	29.25	+0.125
Clevld Cliffs	45	+0.25
Clorox	82.25	-0.75
Coastal Corp	38.125	+0.375
Coca Cola	81.25	+0.125
Coca Cola Ent	28.75	-0.125
Colgate Palmolv	80.5	+0.875
Comcast Corp A	19.375	-0.625
Compaq	37	-1.75
Compute Ass Int	68.375	-0.625
Computer Sci	69.75	-1
Conagra	42	-0.625
Cons Edison	31.125	-0.75
Cons Freightwys	25	+0.125
Cons Nat Gas	42.125	-0.5
Cons Rail	74.5	-1.25
Cooper Inds	37.125	+0.125
Coors (Adolph)	19	+0.25
Corning Inc	34	+0
Crane	40.625	+0
Cray Research	28.5	+0
Crown Cork Seal	47.5	-1
Cummins Engine	40.5	-0.125
Curtiss-Wright	51.375	0
Cypress Semicon	12	-0
Cypress Mineral	27.625	-0.25
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DSC Commun	28.75	-0.375
DOE	28	-0.25
Dana Corp	32.75	+0.625
Data General	14.875	-0.375
Dayton Hudson	78.875	-1
De Beers	31.5313	+0.40625
Deere	42.125	+0.25
Delm Pwr & L	21.375	-0.25
Delta Air Lnes	78.375	+0.125
Deluxe Corp	32.125	-0.375
Detroit Edison	34.125	-0.75
Dial Corp Del	28.5	+0.125
Diebold Inc	37.125	-0.75
Digital Equip	61.875	-2
Dillard Dep St	35.125	+1.75
Disney (Walt)	67.75	-1.375
Dominion Res	38.875	-0.5
Donnelley (RR)	35.5	-0.875
Dover Corp	45.375	-1.125
Dow Chemicals	86.875	+2.5
Dow Jones	39.375	-0.25
Dresser	27.75	+0
Duke Power	47.75	-0.5
Dun & Bradst	61.625	-0.625
Du Pont	80	+0.75
E G & G Corp	23	-0.875
Eastern Ents	34.625	-0.25
Eastman Kodak	72.75	-1.625
Eaton Corp	58.5	+0.5
Echlin Inc	35.125	+0.125
Emerson Elec	79.875	-0.125
Engelhard Corp	20	-0.125
Enron Corp	35.25	-0.375
Enserch Corp	14.375	-0.25
Entergy Corp	28.75	-0.375
Enzo Biochem	17	-0.125
Ethyl Corp	10.5	+0.25
Exxon	80	-0.5
FMC Corp	72.875	-0.125
FPL Group	42.625	-0.625
Federal Express	72.875	-0.25
Federal Mogul	20	+0.375
Fed Nat Mtge	30.25	-0.625
Federal Ppr Bd	54.875	-0.25
Fieldcrest Can	18.875	-0.125
First Bank Sys	57.5	+0.5
First Chicago	38.125	-0.875
First Interst	159.625	+1.25
First Union	59.875	-0.375
Fruit of the Loom	24.625	-0.25
Fst Mississipp	26.625	+0.25
Fst Union Rty	7.25	+0
Fleet Fnl Grp	39.375	-0.625
Fleetwd Enterp	25.5	-0.5
Fleming Cos Ok	19.875	+0.25
Florida Prog	33.5	-0.625
Fluor Corp	68	-0.75
Food Lion Inc	5.5	+0.0625
Ford Motor	32.5	+0.125
Foster Wheeler	45.375	+0.875
Freeport McMor	43	+0.25
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Galoob Toys	17.125	+0.5
GATX Corp	44.625	-0.25
GTE Corp	42.125	-1
Gannett	67.375	+1.75
Gap Inc Del	55.75	+0.75
Gencorp	12.75	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	20.875	+0
Gen Dynamics	60.375	-0.5
Gen Electric	75	-1.5
Gen Mills	57.125	-0.125
Gen Motors	52.625	+0
Gen Motors E	56.5	+0
Gen Motors H	58.125	+0.375
Gen Public Util	31.625	-0.5
Gen Reinsurnce	143.875	-2.375
Gen Signal	35.375	-0.25
Gen DataComm	10.5	+0.25
Genuine Parts	42.875	+0.5
Georgia Pac	69.5	+1
Gillette	53.375	-0.625
Glaxo ADR	24.75	-1.125
Golden W Finl	49.875	-1.125
Goodrich (BF)	75.75	-0.625
Goodyear Tire	51.5	+0.25
Grace (W&R)	79	+1.625
Grainger (WW)	69	-0.375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28.5	+2.875
Grt Western Finl	23.375	+0.125
Halliburton	53.25	+0.625
Hanna (MA)	29.125	+0
Harcourt	45.375	-1
Harley Davidson	38	-0.25
Harnischfeger	38.75	+0.625
Harris Corp	64.5	+0
Harsco Corp	66.875	-0.125
Hartmax	4.25	-0.25
Hasbro	34.875	-0.5
Hecla Mining	7.875	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	34.375	+0.875
Helix Technol	27	-0.25
Hmrch & Payne	33	+0.5
Hercules	62.5	+0.25
Hershey Foods	78.125	+0.5
Hewlett Packard	93.75	-1.375
Hilton Hotels	91.625	-1
Home Depot	48.5	+0.5
Homestake	18.375	+0
Honeywell	52.75	+0.5
Hormel (Geo)	25.375	-0.125
Household Intl	64.75	-1.25
Houston Inds	22.375	+0.125
Humana	24.25	-0.25
IBM	114.25	-3
Illinova Corp	27.625	-0.125
Illinois Tool	66.125	+0.5
INCO	34	+0
Ingersoll Rand	41.625	-0.125
Inland Steel	25.25	-0.875
Intel Corp	54.875	-0.375
Intergraph	18.375	-0.375
Interlake	2	+0
Intl Fmly EntB	18	+0.625
Intl Flav & Fr	50	-0.125
Intl Multifoods	19.125	-0.125
Intl Colin Enrgy	4.375	+0
Intl Paper	38.625	+0.375
Interpublic	43.25	+0.5
ITT Corp	58.75	-1.25
James River Ba	28.875	-0.125
Jefferson Pll	54.5	-0.25
Johnson & J	94.125	-1.125
K Mart	8.25	-0.25
Kellogg	77	-1
KLA Instruments	22	-0.5
Kennametal	34.25	-0.5
Kerr-McGee	60.875	-0.5
KeyCorp	35.625	+0
Kimberly-Clark	76.375	-0.75
King World Prod	41.625	-0.125
Knight Ridder	69	-0.75
Kroger	38	-0.375
Kroger	36	-0.375
LSI Logic	25.75	+0.125
Legget & Platt	23.5	+0
Leucadia Natl	28.375	+0.375
Lilly (Eli)	63.5	-0.5
Limited Inc	19.125	+0
Linear Technol	44	-2.5
Lincoln Nat	48.875	-3
Litton	47.75	-0.375
Liz Claiborne	34.75	+0.125
Lockheed Corp	74.875	-0.625
Loews Corp	81.625	-2.5
Lone Star	28.125	+0.375
Long Island Lt	17.5	+0
Longs Drug Strs	48	+0.5
Loral Corp	45.875	-0.25
Louisiana Land	40.625	+0
Louisiana Pacif	24.5	+0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	35.125	-0.25
Lubrizol	30.375	+0.375
MCI Commun	28.75	-0.625
Manor Care	41.25	+0
Manville Corp	12.25	-0.25
Mapco Inc	54.5	-0.125
Marriott	49.5	-0.25
Mrsh & McLn	94.625	-0.875
Martin Marietta	159	+1.75
Marvel	11	-0.125
Masco Corp	28.875	+0.5
Massmutual Corp	36.375	-0.375
Mattel Inc	26.5	+0.25
May Dept St	49.875	+0.375
Maytag Corp	20.5	-0.25
McDermott	18.375	-0.25
McDonalds	50.75	-0.25
McDonnell Dglas	89.25	+0.25
McGraw Hill	88.125	-1.125
McKesson Corp	54.625	-1
Mead Corp	53.375	+0.75
Medtronic	56.25	+0.375
Mellon Bk	52.625	-0.375
Melville Corp	32.875	+0.25
Mentor Graphics	14.125	-0.4375
Mercantile Strs	56.75	+1
Merck Inc	63.25	-1.625
Meredith Corp	42.375	+0.25
Merrill Lynch	53.25	-0.25
Micron Technol	29.75	-0.25
Microsoft Corp	95.75	-0.75
Millipore	39.75	+0.375
Mine Safety App	47.25	+0.25
Minnesota Mine	65.5	+2
Mitchell Energy	18.75	+0.375
Mobil Corp	111.5	+1.125
Mobile Telecom	13.625	-0.25
Molex Inc	31.25	+0.25
Monarch Macht	10.75	+0
Monsanto	143.375	+3.125
Morgan (JP)	80	+0
Morrison-Knudsn	1.5	+0
Martin Intl	38.875	+0.125
Motorola Inc	53.75	+0.375
Murphy Oil	42.25	+0
Murphy Oil	42.25	+0
Nacco Inds	58.375	-1.375
Nalco Chemical	30.75	+0.25
Nashua Corp	10.625	-0.125
Natl City Corp	33.125	-0.125
Natl Semi	14.375	-0.375
Natl Serv Ind	33.625	+0.875
NatWest Bank	56	-3.125
Navistar Intl	10	+0
Netscape	45.25	-1
New England El	36.625	-0.5
News Corp	22.375	+0
NY State El Gas	22.75	+0.125
NY Times A	27.875	-0.625
Newmont Mining	53.75	-0.5
Niag Mohawk	8.75	-0.125
Nicor Inc	27.375	-0.125
Nike Inc	75.5	+2
NL Industries	13.25	+0.125
Noble Affil	31	+0.125
Nordstrom	49	+0.25
Norfolk Southrn	83.625	-1.625
Northeast Util	20	-0.375
Novell	11.875	-0.34375
Nthn State Pwr	48.75	-0.625
Northrop	62	-0.375
Norwest Corp	34.125	+0
NSI	21.875	+0.375
Nynex Corp	49.125	-1.25
Nynex Corp	49.125	-1.25
Occidental Pet	24	+0.125
Ogden Corp	21.125	+0
Ohio Casualty	37	-0.25
Ohio Edison	22.625	-0.25
Olin Corp	88.5	+2.375
Omnicom Group	40.875	-0.125
Oneok Inc	21.375	-0.25
Oracle Systems	48.25	-1.625
Oryx Energy Co	12.75	-0.125
Oshkosh B'gosh	15.75	-0.25
Outboard Marine	20.5	-0.375
Overseas Ship	18	+0.125
Owens Corning	42	+0.5
PHH Group	50.5	-0.25
PNC Financial	28.75	-0.5
PPG Industries	47.125	+0.375
Paccar Inc	48	+1.5
Pacificorp	20.25	-0.25
Pac Enterprises	25.625	-0.75
Pac Gas & Elect	25.375	-0.125
Pac Telesis	27.125	-0.875
Pall Corp	27.25	-1
Panh Eastern	28.75	-0.5
Parker Drilling	5.75	+0
Parker Hannifin	37.875	+1.5
Penney(JC)	48.125	-0.5
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	23.875	-0.25
Pennzoil	37.5	-0.25
People's Energy	30.5	-0.25
Pepsico	64.125	+1.125
Perkin Elmer	45.75	-0.5
Petrie Stores	-	-
Pfizer	63.875	-1
Pharmacia & Upj	40.875	-0.5
Phelps Dodge	68	+0.25
Philadel Elec	28.625	-0.5
Philip Morris	102.25	+0.25
Phillips Pet	37.5	+0.125
Pioneer Hi Bred	53	-0.75
Pitney Bowes	48	-0.25
Policy Mgt Sys	50.125	-0.125
Potash Corp	70.625	-0.625
Potomac El Pwr	24.875	-0.25
Procter & Gamble	85.625	-0.375
Pub Svc Enterpr	28.5	-0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	24.875	+0
Pug Snd Pwr	24.875	+0
Quaker Oats	34.375	+0
Qualcom	39.5	+0.75
Quanex Corp	21	+0
RJR Nabisco	34.875	+0.25
Ralston Purina	68.875	-0.375
Rank Orgnsn ADR	15	+0.375
Raychem Corp	65.625	+0
Raytheon	52	-0.375
Reebok Intl	29.625	-0.375
Reynolds Reyn A	39.75	-0.5
Reynolds Metals	56.75	+0
Rite Aid Corp	33.25	+0.375
Roadway Services	41.375	-0.25
Rockwell Intl	58	-0.625
Rohm & Haas	73.75	+0
Rohr Industries	17.75	+0.375
Rouse	20.875	-0.125
Rowan	9.875	-0.125
Royal Dutch	137.5	+0.125
Rubbermaid	29.75	+0.875
Ruddick	11.125	-0.125
Russell Corp	26.875	+0.25
Ryder System	27	-0.125
Rymer Co	0.875	+0.0625
Rymer Co	0.875	+0.0625
SPS Technology	53.75	+0.25
Safeco Corp	33.9375	-0.3125
Safety-Kleen	14.375	+0.25
St Paul's Cos	54.875	-0.125
Salomon Inc	35.75	-0.5
San Diego Gas	21.75	-0.375
Sara Lee Corp	33.375	-0.375
Scecorp	-	-
Schering Plough	58.5	+0
Schlumberger	74.5	+0
Scientif Atlanta	18.5	-0.25
Scripps	42.625	+0.125
Seagate Tech	57.125	-1.125
Seagram	33.75	+0
Sears Roebuck	48.25	+0.75
Service Corp I	47	+0
Service Master	31	-0.375
Shared Medical	61.125	+1.375
Shell Trans	77.875	-0.25
Sherwin Wllms	42.25	+0
Shoney's Inc	9	+0.375
Sigma Aldrich	57.75	+0
Silicon Graphics	24.75	-0.25
Skyline Corp	22.875	+0
Smith Intl	22	+0.25
SmKline Bchm A	52	-1.75
Snap-On-Tools	45.75	+0.375
Sonat	31.875	-0.125
Sonocco Prods	27	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	58.125	+0.125
Southdown	21.25	-0.125
Southern Co	22.875	-0.25
Sth N. Eng Tel	38.75	-0.625
Southw Airlines	31	-0.625
Southwestn Bell	51.25	-1.375
Spring Inds	43.75	-0.125
Sprint Corp	35	-0.375
Stand Brnds Pnt	-	-
Standard Prods	21.875	+0
Stanley Works	55.625	-0.75
Storage Technol	27.125	-0.875
Stratus Comp	28.5	-0.375
Sun America	6.625	0
Sun Company	28.125	-0.5
Sundstrand	77	+0.25
Sun Microsystms	47	-0.375
Suntrust	70	-0.25
Supervalu	31.25	+0
Symantec	12.625	+0
Sysco Corp	33.375	-0.25
Sysco Corp	33.375	-0.25
TJX Cos Inc	25.25	+0.375
TRW Inc	87.75	+0.5
Tambrands	48.25	-1.25
Tandem Comp	9	-0.125
Tandy Corp	48.5	+0.5
Telecom Corp	19.5	+0
Teledyne	29	+0.125
Temple Inland	43.25	-0.25
Tenneco	56.5	+0.625
Teradyne	17.75	-0.125
Tesoro Pet	8.125	-0.125
Texaco	82.75	+1.125
Texas Instrmnts	49.25	-0.75
Texas Utilities	39.875	-0.375
Textron	80.375	-0.75
Thiokol	42.25	-0.25
Thomas & Betts	72.625	+0.125
ThreeCom	45.25	-0.25
Time Warner	43	+0
Times-Mirror	37	+1.125
Timken	44.625	-0.5
Torchmark	45.125	-0.75
Tosco Corp	45.875	-0.25
Total Pet N Am	9.8125	+0.25
Toys R Us	26	+0.125
Transamerica	73.75	-1.25
Transco Energy	36.5	-0.125
Travellers Grp	61.25	-1.375
Tribune	65.375	-0.25
TRINOVA Corp	30.625	-0.125
Triton Energy	47.75	+0.5
Tyco Labs	36.875	+0.625
Tyler	2.625	+0.125
UAL Corp	187.875	+1.875
USG Corp	24	-1
UST Inc	35.125	+0.25
USX Marathon	18.375	-0.125
USX-US Steel	36.125	+0.125
Unicom Corp	31.625	-0.375
Unilever NV	74.75	+0
Union Camp	50.25	+0.375
Union Carbide	46.875	-1.75
Union Electric	40.625	-0.125
Union Pacific	68.5	-0.375
Unisys Corp	6.625	-0.25
USAIR Group	17.125	+0
USF&G Corp	14.875	+0
US Home	24	-0.5
US Life	29	-0.375
US Robotics	116.625	-1.5
US Surgical	28.125	+0.875
US Trust	47.5	-1
US West	31.75	-0.375
United Tech	112.25	+2.75
Unocal Corp	30.25	+0
VF Corp	58	+1.375
Valero Energy	23.875	+0.375
Viacom Inc	38.75	-0.75
Vishay	28.5	+0.5
Vulcan Materials	55.5	+0.125
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Wachovia	44.75	-0.625
Walgreen	33	+0.125
Wal-Mart Stores	22.25	+0
Warner-Lambert	102	-0.5
Wash Gas Light	21.375	-0.25
Washington Post	288	+1
Waste Mgmnt Inc	30.125	+0.375
Watkins-Johnson	37	+0.875
Weis Markets	29	-0.375
Wells Fargo	240	+1.25
Wendy's Intl	17.375	-0.5
Western Publ	9.8125	+0.0625
Westinghouse El	18.625	+0.375
Westvaco	30.125	-0.125
Weyerhaeuser	48	-0.125
Whirlpool	57.875	+1
Whitman	22.875	+0
Willamette Ind	58.75	-0.5
Winn Dixie Strs	34.875	+0.125
Woolworth	14.625	+0.125
World Communications	40.75	-0.25
Worthington Ind	20.875	-0.125
Wrigley	58.875	-0.25
Xerox	128.625	-0.625
Yellow Freight	10.625	+0
Zenith Electron	6.75	+0
Zero Co	17.75	+0.5
LONDON		
Allied - Lyons	506	-4
BAT Inds	540	-15
British Petrol	68.375	-0.75
BT	354.5	-8.5
BTR	322	-1.46875
Barclays	688	-27.75
Bass	747	-10
Boots	594	-7.5
British Airways	519	-8.5
British Gas	232.5	-1.96875
General Electric	348.5	+4
Grand Met	425	-8
Glaxo	832	-8.375
Guiness	454	-9
HSBC (75p shs)	977.5	+5
Hanson	192	+1.5
ICI	924	+3
Land Securities	604	-8
Lloyds Bank	297	-16
Marks & Spencer	433	-3.25
NatWest Bank	616	-29
Prudential	454	+25.5
Reuters	697	+1.25
Sainsbury	372	-1.5
Shell Transport	834	-3
Unilever	1208	+4
PARIS		
Accor	717	+6
Air Liquide	857	-13
Alcatel Alsthom	426.4	-5.8
BSN	765	-5
Canal	1068	+8
Carrefour	3443	+16
Chargeurs	1309	-38
Club Med	495	+4.8
Cred Lyon (CI)	280	+8
Elf Aquitaine	340.9	-1.4
Euro Disney	14.2	+0.1
Hachette	128.5	-0.5
LVMH	1105	-10
Lafarge Coppee	337.2	+0
Lyonn Eaux	452.2	-4.8
Michelin B	239	+4
Moulinex	83.8	+0.8
Paribas	276	+1
Pernod Ricard	307.9	-3.6
Peugeot	749	-6
Saint Gobain	629	-4
Suez (Fin de)	442	+2.2
Total B	318	-4.5
FRANKFURT		
Allianz AG	1110	-5
BASF	378	+8.5
Bayer	468.5	+7.7
Commerzbank	1.9	+0.1
Daimler-Benz	804.5	+7
Deutsche Bank	73.32	+1.08
Dresdner Bk	37.82	+0.12
Hoechst	477	+2.25
Lufthansa	226	+5
Mannesmann	516.2	+9.2
Metallgesellschaft	32.24	-0.06
Porsche	798	-7
Siemens	822.5	+11.5
Volkswagen	533.8	+7.1

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HAMAS

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discuss security arrangements, code-named "Operation Song 4," for the Clinton visit. An officer with the General Security Service VIP Security Department participated in the meeting.

"The visit comes after several very serious attacks ... and we are doing our utmost to ensure that it passes quietly," Hefetz said. He appealed to those planning demonstrations during the visit not to do so, to avoid further straining police manpower.

Some 10,000 policemen, nearly half the nation's police force, will be involved in securing the Clinton visit, police spokesman Adi Gonen said.

EGYPT

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Interpol" or regular consultations between cabinet level officials.

Another mechanisms considered likely is regular working-level contacts between Israeli and Arab security officials, since cabinet level meetings could take on a political flavor.

Baz said it is "high time for concrete steps and measures" to be taken to "enhance security against terror" and for peace. He refused to delve into specifics.

The Egyptians would also like an explicit call to end the closure of the territories, but US and Israeli officials are dubious this would be accepted. There have been indications that the closure will be eased.

The conference is scheduled to last approximately five hours, with speeches, lunch, a group photo of all the leaders, and a press statement. Peres has signaled his willingness to meet with all the Arab leaders in attendance. Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal was reportedly resisting such a meeting.

Clearly Arafat's speech will have particular interest to Israeli officials. There was concern in Jerusalem that, instead of delivering an unmistakable message against terror, he may reassert his charge of a right-wing Israeli cabal involved in an unholy conspiracy with Hamas. Such assertions infuriate Israelis.

Arafat met Mubarak last night, and there was speculation that Mubarak would urge him to take a tone consistent with his condemnations of terrorism.

Mubarak said yesterday that some of Israel's measures following the wave of suicide bomb attacks would increase hatred, rather than further peace. "Some of the measures which have been taken by the Israelis will not help the peace process, will not help to stop the activities of such extremists," AP quoted him as saying.

Mubarak said such measures only "increase the rate of hatred" against both the Israelis and those who support the peace process with them.

Syria, explaining for the first time why it is not attending the summit, described the conference as a device to legitimize Israel's occupation of Arab territories.

CLINTON

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there, he will visit the grave of Yitzhak Rabin on Mt. Herzl.

Afterwards, the US president will go to Tel Aviv and address 1,200 students at the Opera House's performing arts center, the White House said. Clinton wants to address Israeli youth, which is why this audience was chosen for his only speech.

The overnight visit to Israel is meant to illustrate that the US will "stand with the people [of Israel] in their time of grief," Clinton said on the White House lawn before heading to Andrews Air Force Base.

"I will also bring a message: That in this time of difficulty and in the battle against terror and the struggle for peace, Israel is not alone."

Canadiens win last game in Forum

MONTREAL (Reuter) – The storied Montreal Forum closed in victory Monday as the Canadiens defeated the Dallas Stars 4-1 behind a goal and two assists from Andrei Kovalenko and 21 saves by Jocelyn Thibault.

The Forum, home to the Canadiens since 1926, will be replaced by the new Molson Center beginning Saturday against the New York Rangers. The Habs won a record 24 Stanley Cups during their tenure at The Forum.

"I scored the last goal in the last game in the Forum," Kovalenko said. "Before the game, our coach told us we had to win this one. I will have good memories of this evening. It's a great celebration for me – one goal and two assists.

Pierre Turgeon had a goal and an assist and Mark Recchi and Saku Koivu also scored for Montreal, which won consecutive games for the first time since January.

With the win, the Canadiens moved into seventh place in the Eastern Conference – one point ahead of the Washington Capitals and three ahead of the ninth-place Boston Bruins.

Thibault, a Montreal native, allowed only Derian Hatcher's goal 9:18 into the second period.

"What a great way to celebrate...the closing of the building and a win," Thibault said. "It was great to be in the nets for a game like that. Not only was it an historical commemoration but it was an important victory in the standings. It was a big win and the ceremony was even bigger."

The Stars, who had been 6-0-1 in their last seven games, haven't won at the Forum since February 23, 1987, going 0-8-2 in that span. Dallas remains five points out of the final playoff berth in the Western Conference.

"There's a lot of memories," Stars defenseman and former Canadien Mike Lalor said. "But on the other hand we lost two points. We're trailing Toronto and Calgary so this game didn't do us much good."

Turgeon scored his 32nd goal of the season 6:20 into the game, beating Dallas goaltender Andy Moog with a wrist shot from the slot. Recchi put a rebound past Moog just 13 seconds later, making it 2-0.

"I think we rattled Andy Moog in the second period," Recchi said. "He's a veteran goalie but it looked like he was fighting the puck in the first period. But as a whole, we played a good game."

Blackhawks 8, Panthers 4

Denis Savard had two goals and an assist as the Blackhawks raced to a six-goal lead and snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Blackhawks won for just the second time in nine games. Chicago defeated Florida for the second time this season and is 3-0-1 all-time against the Panthers. Johan Garpenlov had a goal and an assist for the Panthers, who matched franchise records with five straight losses and an eight-game winless streak (0-7-1). Florida remained two points ahead of the Philadelphia Flyers for third place in the Eastern Conference.

MONDAY'S RESULTS:
Montreal 4, Dallas 1
Chicago 8, Florida 4
Only games scheduled.

Cantona leads Man United to FA Cup semis

MANCHESTER (Reuter) – Frenchman Eric Cantona scored one goal and set up another as Manchester United edged closer to a third successive English FA Cup final with a 2-0 quarter-final victory over Southampton on Monday.

But United, which now plays the winners of the replay between Chelsea and Wimbledon in the semifinal at Aston Villa's ground on March 31, was made to fight all the way by its lowly Premier League rivals.

Southampton had one goal disallowed and forced United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel to make several fine saves.

Southampton was looking for a third shock Cup victory over United, having beaten them in the 1976 final and in a fourth-round replay four years ago – the last time United lost a tie at Old Trafford. When the sides met in a league clash in November, United blitzed Southampton with three goals in the opening nine minutes in a 4-1 victory. And they nearly made another rip-roaring start.

Cantona beat the offside trap after five minutes and although his shot defeated goalkeeper Dave Beasant, defender Ken Monkou raced back to clear as the ball was about to cross the line.

United continued to dominate and Andy Cole shot straight at Beasant with only the goalkeeper in his way.

Cole missed another opportunity and it looked as if United would pay for its wayward finishing as Southampton forced its way back into the match.

Schmeichel made a flying one-handed save from Simon Charlton, and was then booked for protesting that referee Steve Dunn should have halted play as defender Phil Neville was on the ground injured.

But there were no protests from the fiery Dane when the referee came to United's rescue after 43 minutes.

Neil Shipperley headed what appeared to be a legitimate goal for Southampton from Matthew Oakley's cross – but to United's relief, the goal was ruled out for a push by Shipperley.

Southampton found themselves in arrears within four minutes of the restart.

Cole's fine pass set Ryan Giggs clear on the left. He made ground and sent in a low cross which left Cantona with the simple task of side-footing the ball home for his 12th goal of the season.

Southampton hit back and Schmeichel made a superb save from Mark Walters's fierce shot.

But the home side ensured victory in the second minute of injury time. With Southampton committed to attack, United swept upfield for Cantona to lay on an easy chance for Lee Sharpe to score from point-blank range.

Sri Lanka: Rags to riches

CALCUTTA (Reuter) – Sri Lanka has its sights set on collective fame rather than fortune as it attempts to complete one of world cricket's most remarkable rags-to-riches stories by winning the World Cup.

It is only 15 years since Sri Lanka was granted full Test status and it is recognition, not rupees, which will motivate them when they walk out to face India in the seething atmosphere of Eden Gardens in today's semifinal.

The second semifinal, between West Indies and Australia, will be played tomorrow in Mohali, India.

Sri Lankan Captain Arjuna Ranatunga and manager Duleep Mendis say their men are not concerned with the win bonuses or material rewards which were long ago promised to their opponents.

"None of my players are looking for money or anything," said Ranatunga, who has been a part of Sri Lanka's Test odyssey since the start.

A traumatic build-up to the tournament, featuring ball-tampering and throwing rows in Australia as well as the Colombo bomb blast on January 31 which killed more than 80 people and injured 1,200, have clearly given the side a major sense of purpose.

The inspired decision to partner Romesh Kaluwitharana with Sanath Jayasuriya at the top of the order to give the team a flying start in the first 15 overs is credited to Mendis, but new coach Dav Whatmore is recognized as the other man behind Sri Lanka's current emergence.

Whatmore has spent almost all his life in Melbourne, playing seven Tests for Australia during the Packer era, but has returned to the country of his birth to inject some Aussie bite into a talented group of players.

The main requirement will be cool heads to withstand a crowd of anywhere between 90,000 and 100,000, depending who is doing the counting.

"In one way it's a minus, but India will also be a little under pressure," smiled Ranatunga. "Our boys have played in front of large crowds before."

Meanwhile, for the Indians, there is one cast-iron certainty. Sachin Tendulkar doesn't always score runs, Anil Kumble may sometimes fail to take a wicket but nothing short of a nuclear catastrophe will stop Nayan Mongia appealing.

India's wicketkeeper, they say, will never die wondering. Talented, agile and eager, he has already claimed 60 victims in his 40 one-day internationals; if they judged 'keepers purely by their vocal chords, he will rewrite every record in the sport.

Off the field, Mongia is a polite, softly-spoken 26-year-old with apparently perfectly good eyesight. On it, with arm raised and mouth open, he tends to resemble a schoolboy seeking an extra helping of lunch.

Mongia is unrepentant. To him, appealing to the umpire is no more than a modern wicketkeeper's duty in an era which views batsmen who walk as baffling eccentrics.

"I don't agree with the theory that umpires give more people out if you appeal less," admitted the Baroda-born Mongia.

"To me it is the player's duty to appeal, and it is the umpires job to give him out or not out. It's a natural, spur of the moment thing. My team mates like it and I get hundreds of calls every day saying 'Brilliant, your appealing is so good'."

Mongia is fully aware of his role in putting pressure on batsmen, but also likes to think he is helping rather than hindering the umpires.

"Against Pakistan, for example, I almost got Salim Malik twice but the umpire didn't ask for the third umpire. He was out run out and he was out caught behind when they were chasing the game.

But it is very difficult for the umpires to hear the nick when the crowd is shouting and howling. I always lose some victims that way. But those are the rules.

"The umpires say I can appeal as much as I want. What I'm not allowed to do is run towards them, which I used to do."

"Appeals occur more in tense situations, but there are times watching my matches when I think I am appealing too much. I do try to tone it down."

Hill paces Pistons

AUBURN HILLS (Reuter) – Grant Hill's 31 points and 10 rebounds led the Detroit Pistons to their sixth win in seven games, 100-90 over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday.

Joe Dumars scored 18 of his 22 points on three-pointers as the Pistons moved into a tie with the Atlanta Hawks and the Cleveland Cavaliers for third place in the Central Division and fifth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

"This wasn't perfect," Hill said. "It wasn't pretty but we won."

The Pistons let a 75-57 lead dwindle to 75-71 as the Clippers put on a 14-0 spurt late in the third quarter. But the Pistons stabilized and never let Los Angeles get closer than six points away in the fourth quarter.

"If we get a big lead, we can't let them back in it," said Hill. "It would be nice to win a game by 20 or 30 points. But we never seem to do that. That would be too easy."

Otis Thorpe added 20 points as the Pistons improved to 20-10 at home. Last season, Detroit was just 28-54 overall.

"That's a very talented team but we made it hard on ourselves," Detroit coach Doug Collins said.

"We didn't sustain our concentration with the lead and we have to stop digging ourselves holes like that. Grant, Otis and Joe had great games. It's the time of the year that guys like that have to step up for you."

Dumars was 6-of-11 from three-point range.

"When Joe is shooting like that and you get him the ball you know he's going to make it," Hill said. "That gets the crowd into it and opens some lanes for me."

Malik Sealy scored 18 points off the bench for the Clippers, who dropped both games against the Pistons this season but finished 3-2 on their five-game road trip.

Brian Williams had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Rodney Rogers added 14 points for the Clippers, who dropped 6 1/2 games out of the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Kings 92, Grizzlies 88

Mitch Richmond scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Tyus Edney's jumper with 26 seconds remaining snapped a tie as host Sacramento extended Vancouver's losing streak to 12 games.

Richmond made 5-of-6 from three-point range, Edney finished with 14 points and Billy Owens added 13 points and eight assists for the Kings.

Olden Polynice had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, who had a 44-32 rebounding edge.

Sacramento, which is just 3-16 in its last 19 games, moved into a virtual tie with Portland and Golden State for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Western Conference.

MONDAY'S RESULTS:
Detroit 100, LA Clippers 90
Sacramento 92, Vancouver 88
Only games scheduled.

Atlanta: a war zone?

ATLANTA (AP) – Georgia's attorney general says crime in Atlanta, this year's Olympic city, may be worse than in Sarajevo, the war-torn Bosnian capital that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics.

"I'd have to say Atlanta's almost a war zone," attorney general Michael Bowers said yesterday. "I imagine over the past 30 days we've had more murders in Atlanta than Sarajevo."

Mayor Bill Campbell was irked by the comment, which Bowers first made Monday at a panel discussion on crime.

"The facts are that the crime rate in downtown is at its lowest level since 1986," Campbell said. "I doubt Mr. Bowers has ever been to Sarajevo. And I assume he is not spending much time in downtown Atlanta."

Bowers said he was glad his comments shook the mayor.

"It should irk the mayor good," he said. "Maybe he'll do something about crime now."

Bowers said the population inside Atlanta's city limits dropped 15 percent from 1960 to 1994, while murders increased 185%, rapes 859% and robberies 1,634%.

That shows "something's awry," he said.

But Bowers said he is confident that plans to keep Atlanta safe during the Olympics will work. "I'm going to be in the downtown area during that time," working at his office near the state Capitol, he said.

Bill Rathburn, head of security for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, said Atlanta will be "the safest place on earth" during the Games, which will be July 19-August 4.

Bowers said he is concerned about crime all over the country, not just in Atlanta.

"But I have to live in Atlanta," he said. "The starting point is to define the problem, and that's what I was trying to do."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Histadrut sells Hapoel FA soccer club

The Histadrut finally agreed in terms for the sale of Hapoel Tel Aviv soccer club yesterday to a consortium of private investors. The prestigious club now joins Maccabi Haifa, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Hapoel Haifa and Hapoel Beersheba which have all moved into private hands in recent years. The Histadrut will retain a 25 percent stake in the club to insure that it will have a say in the club's development. *Derek Fattal*

Kfar Hamaccabiah wins 'Post' charity trophy

The Annual Max Spitz Charity Day took place on Saturday at the Ramat Gan Club, with representative teams of all nine of Israel's lawn bowls clubs competing for *The Jerusalem Post* Trophy, inaugurated in 1984.

In an 18-team contest, the Kfar Hamaccabiah side of Yair Bekier, Michael Stanger, Roy Jennings and Roger Jennings swept through the field with a clear 20-shot difference win. It was an outstanding performance by the first three-mentioned players who are all members of Israel's junior (under 25) team, selected to tour Ireland, later in the year.

Proceeds of NIS 5,000 will go to the *Post*'s Toy Fund, Forsake Me Not Fund, and Welcome Home Fund. *Norman Spiro*

Edelson wins at Caesarea

David Edelson led the A Division in this week's individual stableford competition at the Caesarea Golf Club with 39 points. In second was Lionel Phillips with 34 followed by Leu Ben Amir with 32.

Judy Reede came in first in the B Division with 38 followed by Michael Daniel and Mike Bannister with 33 each.

Ed Pizer had a 39 to top C Division. Arieh Mirelman was second with 37 and Zachi Galon came in third at 36.

D Division honors went to Nate Kansky with 34 and Siggy Meiteles with 32.

After six rounds of the National Coca Cola Golf League, Tel Aviv leads with 21 points. Kfar Shmaryahu is second with 13 and Caesarea and Ra'anana are tied for third with 10 points. *Jules Cuburnek*

Shmerkin off to championships

National ice skating champion Michael Shmerkin and skating couple Gait Hait and Sergei Shanoveski will be the three Israeli representatives at the World Championships to be held in Canada starting Sunday. Last year Shmerkin finished in overall second place. *Itim*

NFL approves Cleveland plan

NFL owners on the first day of league meetings Monday approved a plan to put a team in Cleveland by the 1999 season to replace the departing Browns.

One option gives the city 45 days to consider an alternate site for a new stadium, which the league would like to see built on the current site of Municipal Stadium.

Taugres takes European Cup

Host Taugres Vitoria (Spain) beat PAOK Saloniki (Greece) 88-81 yesterday to win the European Cup basketball final.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

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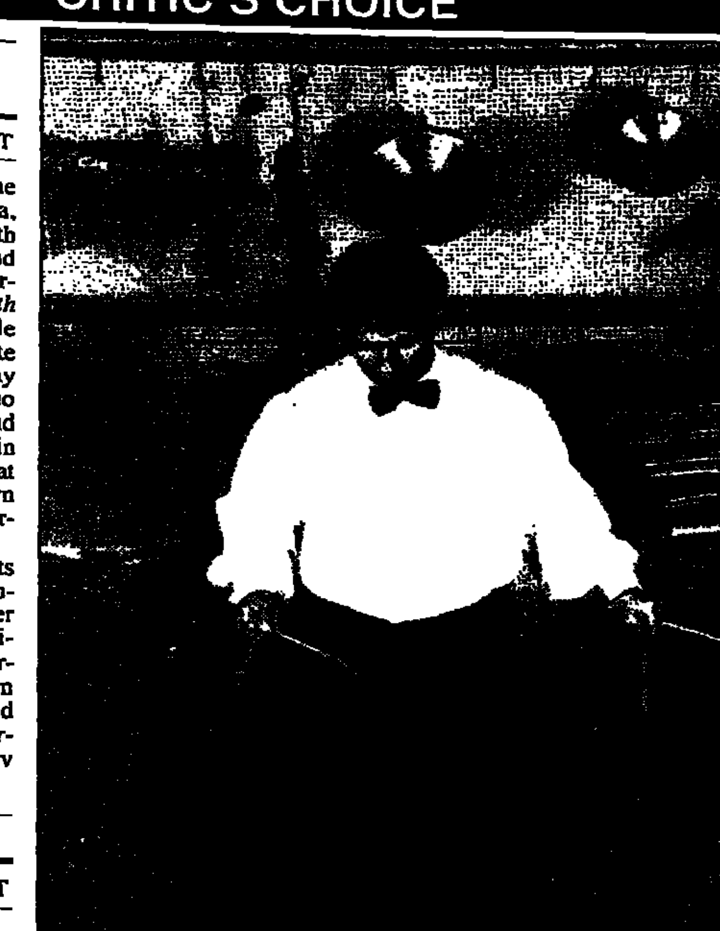
CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Mendi Rodan leads the Israel Sinfonietta, Beersheba, in Mozart's 35th ("Haffner") Symphony and in Mahler's orchestral version of Schubert's *Death and the Maiden*, while French pianist Brigitte Engerer joins in to play Saint-Saens's Second Piano Concerto on Saturday and March 17, 19 and 21 in Beersheba, and Monday at Jerusalem's Henry Crown Symphony Hall. All performances start at 8:30.

Chen Zimbalista presents a concert for the entire family with the Israel Chamber Orchestra in which the audience can also join in on percussion instruments on stage. Shows are at 4 and 5:30 today and 5:30 tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum.



Percussionist Chen Zimbalista presents a concert for the whole family with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. (KC Artists)

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Bat-Dor Dance Company presents two premieres at 8:30 tomorrow at Jaffa's Noga Theatre. Gigi Caciuleanu's *Luminaries* and a new dance-music opus choreographed by Domi Reiter, in which percussionist Chen Zimbalista performs new music especially composed by Beni Nagari and Amos Elkana.

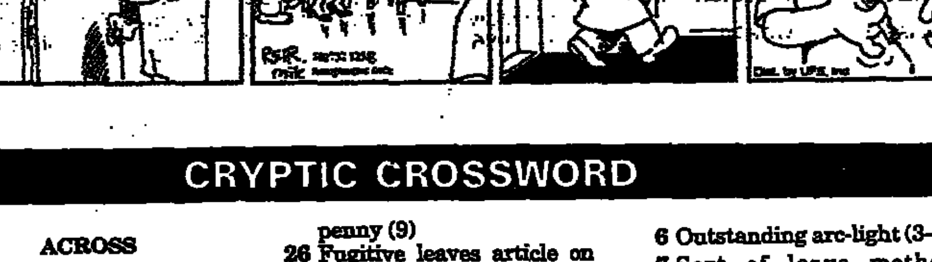
The Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company presents Avi Kaiser's *Cri-Ah* at 8:30 tomorrow at Kibbutz Kabri.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ LEAVING LAS VEGAS – His skin sallow, jaw slack, basset-hound eyes pleading, Nicolas Cage gives an enormous, excruciating performance in Mike Figgis's film, and one that's all the more remarkable for its anguished attempts at humor. Until now, Cage has always played the clown – flexing his furry eyebrows and jutting his soft chin to broad comic effect. Amazingly enough, he does the same thing here, as an alcoholic Hollywood screenwriter who loses his job, burns his belongings and drives to Nevada where he intends to drink himself to death. Adapted by *Figgis from an autobiographical novel by the late* John O'Brien, the movie is at once harsh and tender, repellent and engrossing. And almost impossible to enjoy. Indeed, at times *Leaving Las Vegas* seems very much the brainchild of its aggressively sloshed antihero, torn between wanting the audience's affections and shoving us rudely away. But in its wake, a palpable ache lingers on. Newcomer Elizabeth Shue is also poised as the angelic hooker who falls in love with Cage. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without adult.)

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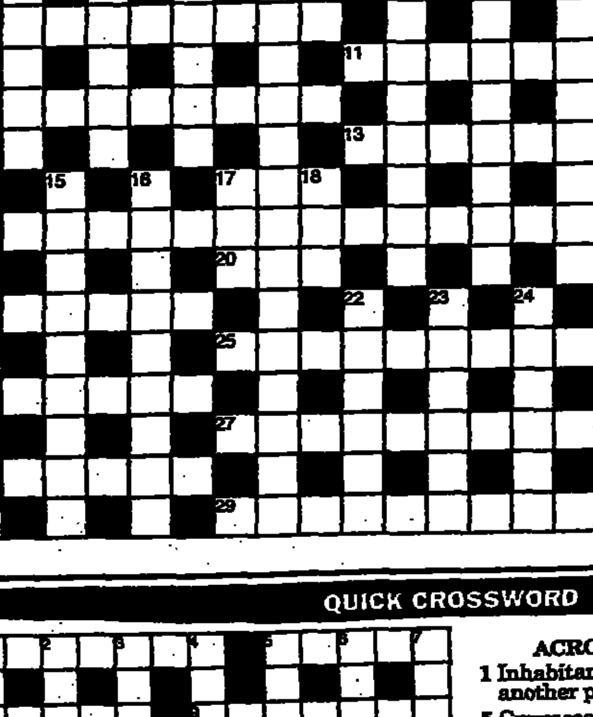
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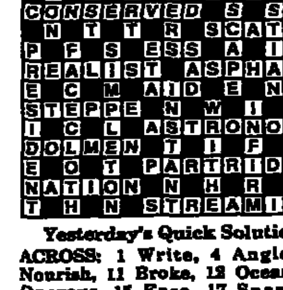
1 Science stinks (9)
9 Container has another alkaline substance (6)
10 *It's a crime to refuse* to handle letters (9)
11 A circular frame on a *bicycle* (6)
12 Longer pod could have been lengthened (9)
13 A new article like the pineapple (6)
17 Cry so bitterly to start with (3)
19 Between spinner and weaver it is all over (4,3,2,6)
20 Exclamation of surprise one way or the other (3)
21 Inside the seats I strapped the rattles (6)
25 Left sailor with one old penny (9)
26 Fugitive leaves article on *landing-strip* (6)
27 Circle round which it is extremely cold (9)
28 Anne's replaced Norway explorer (6)
29 Ended hopes of revolutionising the trades (9)

DOWN

2 Term for a girl or sometimes a boy (6)
3 *Michael* left half of a large quantity of old (6)
4 Is coming up with cash, not escudos initially, for dealing in church property (6)
5 Make a judge get up as far as the seat (5,2,3,5)
6 Outstanding arc-light (3-6)
7 Sort of leave mother something in New York (9)
8 All take part that is conducive to health (9)
14 The children are away for three months (9)
15 Agreeing with the letter (9)
16 Astrologer — or daydreamer? (9)
17 Spain out? Try *Harrogate* (3)
18 Snake no end of a pig (3)
22 All there in diplomacy (6)
23 Jet he could manoeuvre but not left (6)
24 Scheme endlessly thought out (6)



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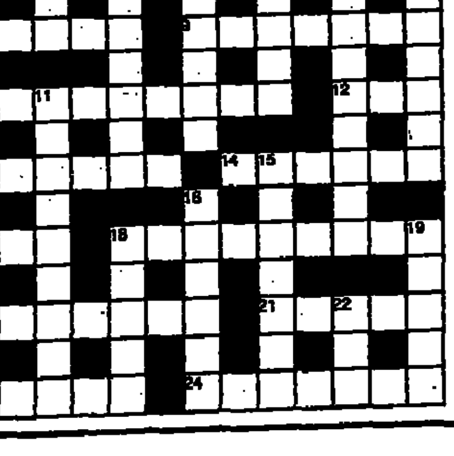


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Write, 4 Angle, 10 Nourish, 11 Broke, 12 Ocean, 13 Onerous, 15 Ease, 17 Snarl, 19 Amity, 22 Tore, 25 Warrior, 27 Abbot, 29 Frame, 30 Emotion, 31 Death, 32 Aside.

DOWN: 2 Route, 3 Thinner, 5 Noble, 6 Lookout, 7 Snoop, 8 Chaos, 9 Cease, 14 Near, 16 Alto, 18 Narrate, 20 Meadows, 21 Swift, 23 Order, 24 Stone, 26 Inert, 28 Build.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Inhabitant of another planet? (7)
5 Curvaceous letters (5)
8 Flat (5)
9 Constrict (7)
10 Disgust (9)
12 Marsupial (colloq) (3)
13 Loan shark (6)
14 Exact (4-2)
17 Deliver (3)
18 Went down (9)
20 NE US state (7)
21 Full extent (5)
23 Bucolic (5)
24 Bequeathed (7)

DOWN

1 Progressive person (5)
2 Salesman (3)
3 Drink excessively (7)
4 Fool (6)
5 —— Marbles (5)
6 Soaked (9)
7 Sunset (7)
11 Looter (9)
13 Upstream (7)
15 Promised (7)
16 African fly (6)
18 Amusing (5)
19 Archaic (5)
22 Miaow (3)

TELEVISION

■ **CHANNEL 1**

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Physical Fitness 7:00 Special broadcast from Summit of Peacemakers in Sharm e-Sheikh

■ **EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Evolution 8:30 Arithmetic 8:45 Stories of the homeland 10:00 Getting ready for the unexpected 10:30 Current affairs 11:00 Music 11:25 Geography 11:45 Judaism 12:05 Life sciences 12:20 French 12:35 Science and technology 13:30 Stories about *animals 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy* 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:30 Amico and his Friends 15:00 Surfing champions

■ **CHANNEL 1**

15:32 Tinytoon 15:55 Rex 16:20 The Friends of Shush 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap – current affairs 18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Legal Affairs – fortnightly magazine 19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Focus – Interviews with newsmakers, *with Ehud Ya'ari 21:20 Bugs – suspense series set in the 21st century* 22:15 No Man's Land – Ram Evron *hosts a live interview program based* on news media reports 23:00 Dream On – comedy 23:30 News magazine 24:00 Verse of the Day

■ **CHANNEL 2**

9:00 Special broadcast *on Sharm e-Sheikh* summit 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi *Reshef – extended broadcast 18:00* Senora – Spanish soap opera 19:00 Hang Time – high-school comedy *19:30 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune* – quiz show 21:06 The Wonderful World – entertainment program with Erez Tal 22:35 NYPD 23:31 Family Plot (1976) – Alfred Hitchcock tongue-in-cheek thriller about a phony psychic who gets involved in a murder plot. *Starring Barbara Harris and William* Devane (120 mins.) 00:00 News 00:05 Family Plot (continued) 1:10 In *the name of the Duce* – documentary on the Italian elections 2:15 Gillette World Sports Special 2:55 Mozart through the night 3:30 Poem of the day

■ **JORDAN TV**

14:00 The Flintstones – cartoon 14:30 Speed Racer 14:50 Bill Nye the Science Guy - documentary 15:20 Islamic Antiquities in Jordan – documentary 16:00 Okavango – drama 17:00 French programs 19:30 News headlines 19:35 Evening Shade – comedy 20:00 Oriental Rugs – documentary 20:25 The Bold and the *Beautiful 21:10 Horizon – Too Big, Too* Soon 22:00 News in English 23:20 The Silk Road – documentary 24:30 Second Thoughts

■ **MIDDLE EAST TV**

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Scarlet Street (1945) – To impress a woman, a man pretends to be a famous artist and embezzles money to support his *fraud. Then the tables turn. Directed* by Fritz Lang, the film stars Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett (103 mins.) 16:30 Dennis the Menace *16:55 Mask 17:20* Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 Matlock 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

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■ **FAMILY CHANNEL (3)**

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around *10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati* 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 *Local broadcast* 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 One of the Gang – drama about the investigation of a prostitute who is part of a ring of serial killers 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 *Knots Landing*

■ **MOVIE CHANNEL (4)**

10:30 Sour Grapes (1986) – zany comedy about a company scientist who discovers a secret formula to make people only drink beer produced by his firm. (83 mins.) (rpt) 12:00 Will Penny (1968) (rpt) 13:45 Advertising Madness 14:15 Murder in New Hampshire (1991) – Helen Hunt stars as a teacher who plots to murder her husband with the help of her lover/student (89 mins.) 15:50 Three Musketeers (1974, British) (rpt) 17:35 The Howard Beach Story (1989) (rpt) *19:10 Milou En Mai (1989, French)* – dramatic comedy by Louis Malle about an upper-class family that attends a funeral in a French village during the student disturbances of 1968. (102 mins.) 21:00 Innocent Blood (1992) – Anything can happen *when mob boss (Robert Loggia) is bitten by a sexy French vamp in this wacky action thriller. With Don Rickles and Anne Parillaud.* Directed by Jon Landis (110 mins.) 22:55 Eternity (1990) – Jon Voight stars in this drama about the stories of two men which reveal the eternal struggle of good vs evil. With Armand Assante. (121 mins.) 1:00 A Private Function (1985) *– British satire set in post WWII* England where food rationing causes a sensation over contraband pork. Directed by Alan Myerson with Sylvia Kristel and Howard Hessman. (92 mins.) 2:35 Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991) (rpt)

■ **CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 *Popcornia* 8:30 Creepy Crawlers 9:05 Wild Nature 9:40 The Heart 10:15 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 10:45 Loony Toons 11:00 Ocean Girl 11:30 Cartoons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Spiderman 14:00 C.O.W. Boys 14:35 Beakman's World 15:10 The Heart 15:45 Punky Brewster 16:10 Loony Toons 16:30 *Little House on the Prairie 17:05 Little* House on the Prairie 17:35 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Popcornia 19:00 *Creepy Crawlers* 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 Mork and Mindy 21:20 Cheers

■ **SECOND SHOWING (6)**

22:00 For Fun (1992, Chinese) – Ning Yang directs this drama about two retired men from the Chinese theater who open a club for the elderly (92 mins.) 23:55 Aguirre, The Wrath of God (1972, West German) – Werner Herzog directs this drama set in the Amazon jungles about an insane *conquistador who leads an expedition in* search of seven cities of gold. Starring Klaus Kinski (90 mins.)

■ **DISCOVERY (8)**

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Mozu the Snow Monkey 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Open University 16:00 Mozu the Snow Monkey 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World: Shark Files 21:00 Hunters 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Connections 23:00 Under-water World: Shark Files 23:50 Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ **ITV 3 (33)**

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears – series reflecting the changes in Egyptian society from the end of the reign of King Farouk to the eve of the military revolution 18:30 Panel discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgia 22:45 A Hundred Years of Jazz 24:00 Closedown

■ **ETV 2 (23)**

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 This is my city 16:15 Investigative eye 17:00 Gulliver's Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Shakespearean Theater – A *Midsummer* Night's Dream 18:30 *Family Connections* 19:00 Everything's Open – Youth and Judaism 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour 21:30 Pure Music – Blues Brothers 22:30 Evolution

■ **SUPER CHANNEL**

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 The Today Show 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

■ **STAR PLUS**

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Frugal Cooks 7:00 E! TV 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Frugal Cooks 12:30 E! TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 *Entertainment Tonight* 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 Doogie Howser M.D. 17:00 Anything But Love 17:30 NYPD Blue 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy 20:30 The Extraordinary 21:30 City Secrets 22:30 Entertainment Tonight 23:00 *Oprah* Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

■ **CHANNEL 5**

6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 South American Soccer 18:00 Mrs. Fitness 18:45 National Soccer *League 19:30 NBA Basketball:* Orlando vs Denver 21:15 To be announced 00:00 Boxing

■ **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Hand Ball 11:30 Triathlon 13:00 *Euroski Magazine* 13:30 Show Jumping 14:30 Slam 15:00 Spanish Basketball 16:00 Snooker 18:55 Sports News 19:00 Formula 1 19:30 Motorsports Magazine 21:55 Sports News 22:00 ATP Tennis live 2:00 ATP Tennis

■ **PRIME SPORTS**

6:00 Golf 7:00 Motorsports Magazine *8:00 Tennis – Nokia Grand Prix Semi-*finals 10:00 Cricket – World Cup, Semi-finals 11:00 Cricket – World Cup, Semi-finals live 19:00 Futbol Mundial 19:30 Great Moments in Cricket 20:30 Badminton 00:30 Cricket 1:00 Golf 2:00 International Sports Magazine 3:00 Windsurfing Magazine 3:30 Cricket – World Cup 4:30 Futbol Mundial 5:00 Golf 5:30 Asian Sport

■ **BBC WORLD**

News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 Naked Hollywood 10:05 Horizon 11:30 Time Out: Film '96 14:15 Panorama 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia & Pacific 16:25 The Andrew Neil Show 17:05 Naked Hollywood 18:30 Tomorrow's World 19:15 World Business Report 19:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 22:05 Rough Guide to the Americas 23:30 Food and Drink 00:00 World Business Report

■ **CNN INTERNATIONAL**

News throughout the day 6:00 World News 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Report 10:30 The Today Show *11:30 CNN* Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Business Asia 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King Live 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News 2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ **VOICE OF MUSIC**

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Variations on Greensleeves (Petri); Schumann: *5 pieces in folk style for cello and* piano; Dvorak: Piano concerto in G minor; Mozart: Symphony no 30; Schubert: Symphony no 9 "Great;" Britten: Sinfonietta op 1 (members of Vienna Octet); Cimarosa: Il Maestro di Cappella intermezzo 12:00 Light *Classical – Dvorak: Slavonic Dances;* Brahms: Hungarian Dances nos 11-6 13:00 Cellist Jacqueline du Pre – Strauss: Don Quixote for cello, viola and orch; Schumann: Fantasiestücke for cello and piano op 73 14:06 Encore 15:00 Keys 15:00 Keys16:00 Gregorian chant by Benedictine monks; Rodrigo: Fantasia para un gentilhombre; Dvorak: Biblical Songs; *Liszt: Preludes symphonic poem* 18:00 Debussy: Petite Suite; Albeniz: Majorca and Malagena; Bach/Kodaly: 3 Choral Preludes for cello and piano; Schubert: Sonata in A minor for arpeggione and piano D821 arr for viola and piano; Brahms: 3 Songs; Franck: Symphonic Variations for piano and orch; Vaughan Williams: The Wasps 20:05 Live broadcast from Henry *Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem* – Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA, cond. Janos Fürst, soloist Gershon Dembinsky (clarinet). Shlomo Yoffe: A Beautiful City; Mozart: Clarinet concerto K622; Beethoven: Symphony no 6 "Pastorale" 23:00 Golden *Generation – Puccini: La Boheme* (part 2), with Beniamino Gigli, Licia Albanese and others, La Scala choir and orch, cond Bertoni

WHERE TO GO

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Once Were Warriors *5, 9:30* ★ Santana 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 788448 Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ Dead Man Walking●Las Vegas●American President 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Show Girls 9:45 ★ Casino 4:15, 7, 9:30 ★ Get Shorty 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ Sudden Death 4:45, 7:15 ★ Fair Game weekdays 4:45, 7:15 **JERUSALEM THEATER** ★ Las Vegas 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 792799 Credit Card Reservations☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Seven●Scarlet Letter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Sense and Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Money Train●Blue in the Face 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Usual Suspects 5, 7:30, 9:45

TEL AVIV
CINEMATHEQUE On the Edge 5, 7:30, 9:30 ★ Lola 7 ★ Bullets Over Broadway 9:30 **DIZENGOFF** Las Vegas 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ Show Girls 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ A Man of No Importance 11 a.m., 3, 7:45 ★ Fresh 1, 5, 10 **DRIVE IN** Virtuosity 10 ★ Sex Film 12 midnight **GAN HA'IR** ☎ 5279215 Priscilla 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GAT** Sense and Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **GORDON** Eat Drink, Man, Woman weekdays 5:15, 7:30, 10 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Dead Man Walking 2, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Casino 2, 5:15, 8:30 ★ American President 2, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Clueless 2, 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV 1–4** ☎ 5288288 Heat 11 a.m., 2:15, 6:30, 9:45 ★ White Man's Burden 12 noon, 2, 4:45, 8, 10 ★ Georgia 12 noon, 2, 7:45 ★ Denise Calls Up 5, 10 ★ Farinelli 12 noon, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ Underground 4, 7, 10 ★ Dead Man Walking●Get Shorty 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Casino 5:30, 9 **RAV-CHEN**☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Center Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Scarlet Letter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Seven 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Money Train 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ The Usual Suspects 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Dangerous Minds 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Smoke●Il Postino●Unstrung Heroes●Blue in the Face●The Crossing Guard 5, 7:30, 9:45 **G.G. TAYELET 1-3** ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St. American President●Passover Fever●Clueless 7:30, 10 **G.G. TEL AVIV** ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. Sudden Death 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Get Shorty 5, 7:30, 10 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard Chungking Express 5, 8, 10

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 *Something to Talk About 9:15* ★ Home For the Holidays 7:15 ★ Smoke 9:15 ★ Haunted Soul 7 **ATZMON 1-5** ☎ 673003 Fair Game●American *President 4:30, 7, 9:15* ★ *Show Girls* 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ Heat 6, 9:15 ★ Casino 6, 9:15 **CINEMA CAFE MORIAH** ☎ 242477 Passover Fever 7:30, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** Just Friends 9:30 **ORLY** Sense and Sensibility 6:30, 9:15 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 674311 Scarlet Letter 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 ★ Ace Ventura 4:45, 7, *9:15* **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416899/8 Seven●Money Train 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Scarlet Letter 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ Ace Ventura 5, 7, 9:15 ★ Sense and Sensibility 6:30, 9:15 ★ The Usual Suspects 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Dangerous Minds 4:45, 7, 9:15 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 246553 Seven 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ The Usual Suspects 9:15 ★ Blue in the Face 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ Father of the Bride II 4:45, 7

AFULA
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ARAD
STAR ☎ 950904 Heat 6, 9 ★ Money Train 7:15 ★ Show Girls 9:30 ★ Dangerous Minds 7:15, 9:30
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Seven 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30 ★ Show Girls 10 ★ Broken Arrow 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. ORI 1-3**☎ 711223 Scarlet Letter 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ The Crossing Guard 5, 7:30, 10
ASHKELON
G.G. GIL Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ Virtuosity 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Show Girls 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Get Shorty 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 711223 Ace Ventura ● The Crossing Guard ● Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Seven 7:15, 9:45 ★ Scarlet Letter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Father of the Bride II weekdays 5
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G.G. GIL Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Show Girls weekdays 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ Get Shorty 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎ 235278 Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Scarlet Letter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Money Train 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Sense and Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
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HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 *Il Postino●The Usual* Suspects 6, 8, 10 **STAR**☎ 589068 Casino 6:30, 9:45 ★ Get Shorty 7:30, 10 ★ Heat 6:45, 9:45 **DANIEL HOTEL** Dead Man Walking 7:30, 9:45
KARMIEL
CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 Scarlet Letter 7, 9:30 ★ Ace Ventura 7, 9:30 ★ The *crossing Guard 7, 9:30*
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G.G. GIL Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ A Goofy Movie 4:30 ★ Get Shorty●Dead Man Walking 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10 ★ Virtuosity ● Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30, 10
KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779186 Get Shorty 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ A Goofy Movie●An Indian in the Cupboard●Santa Clause 4:45 ★ Dangerous Minds ● Sudden Death 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ Las Vegas ● Dead Man Walking 7, 9:30 ★ Casino ● Heat 6:30, 9:15 ★ Virtuosity 4:45, 9:30
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MATNAS Seven 8:30 ★ The Pagemaster *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5
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G.G. GIL Ace Ventura 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Seven 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ Home for the Holidays 4:30, 7, 9:30
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UPPER NAZARETH
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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Clueless 4:
0 ★ Show Girls 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Get Shorty 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10
NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 Casino 6:15, 9:30 ★ Get Shorty●Dead Man Walking 5, 7:30, 10 ★ Show Girls 4:30, 7:15, 10 ★ Heat 4, 7, 10 **RAV CHEN** Ace Ventura 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ Seven 9:45 ★ Sense and Sensibility 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Scarlet Letter 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ Il Postino 5, 7:30
OR AKIVA
RAV CHEN Ace Ventura 7, 9:30 ★ Il Postino●The Crossing Guard 7, 9:30
OR YEHUDA
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SLA soldier killed by roadside bomb

DAVID RUDGE

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier was killed in a bomb blast yesterday afternoon, keeping tension high after recent attacks in which five IDF soldiers were killed and 14 wounded.

IDF and SLA troops were put on full alert in case Hizbullah, Amal, or Palestinian rejectionist groups try to carry out more attacks in defiance of the international anti-terror summit taking place in Sharm e-Sheikh today.

Lebanese news agencies have reported a build-up of IDF troops in the security zone, but UNIFIL sources said yesterday they have seen no sign of reinforcements or unusual IDF activities.

Col. Monir Makdah, who heads a Palestinian group in south Lebanon opposed to the Israel-PLO accord, claimed yesterday that his organization is training suicide bombers to attack Israeli targets.

Nine other Palestinian rejectionist groups based in Syria have called for a general strike by Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Syria today to protest the crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists in the territories.

Hizbullah, meanwhile, announced yesterday that two of its gunmen had been killed. The extremist Shi'ite organization gave no details of where or when the "martyrs" died. Hizbullah has lately been delaying announcing casualties in an apparent attempt to cover up its losses.

The fighting continued unabated yesterday with a combination of roadside bombings, mortar barrages on IDF and SLA positions, and Sagger anti-tank missile attacks.

The SLA soldier was killed when Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb alongside an SLA patrol in the Jezzine enclave region, north of the zone.

Earlier in the day, members of Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, fired Sagger missiles at SLA troops in the zone's eastern sector.

At the same time, other Hizbullah gunmen fired several mortar rounds at an SLA position in the vicinity. There were no casualties and SLA gunners returned fire.

About an hour later, a roadside bomb was detonated alongside an SLA patrol in the Beit Yahoun area in the zone's western sector, causing no casualties. SLA gunners blasted suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone in response.

In an unrelated matter, Lebanese radio stations reported that Lebanese Army troops had planted mines north of the Zummriya crossing point on the zone's northeastern perimeter. The radio reports quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that the measure had been taken to prevent any attempts by Israel to deport Hamas or Islamic Jihad activists via the crossing point.

IDF smoke round hits Metulla

A SMOKE round fired accidentally from an IDF mortar fell in the center of Metulla yesterday morning, scaring residents and visitors.

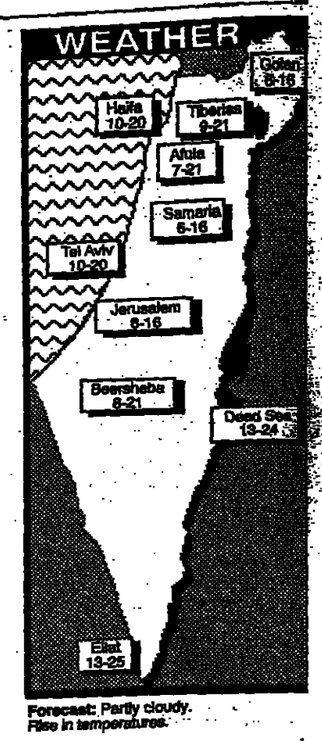
There were no injuries from the smoke-making shell, although a sidewalk was damaged when it hit between the local council office and the nearby Sheleg Halevanon Hotel.

The IDF Spokesman said a soldier had been demonstrating the operation of a mortar to troops when the smoke round was accidentally fired.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine has ordered an inquiry into the incident, which is also being investigated by the Military Police. *D.R.*



Turkish President Suleyman Demirel (right) yesterday visits Haim Cohen, 23, injured two weeks ago in the first No. 18 bus bombing, in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. (Brian Hendler)



Forecast: Partly cloudy. Rise in temperatures.

Turkish president addresses special Knesset session

LIAT COLLINS and BATSHEVA TSUR

TURKISH President Suleyman Demirel addressed the Knesset yesterday afternoon in an unusual session. Having been received with full honors by the Knesset Guard, Demirel was ushered into the Knesset's Chagall Hall, rather than the plenum.

Anxious to save him the embarrassment of addressing a nearly empty room, with so many MKs absent on their primary election campaigns, Speaker Shevah Weiss decided for the first time to use the Chagall Hall for part of a plenum session. The room was filled with diplomats, VIPs, and Knesset staff. President Ezer Weizman was also present.

Demirel opened his address by saying he is convinced the Jewish people will overcome the current challenges and quoting a Jewish proverb: "It is a great man who can make an enemy a friend."

"There is no way terror can succeed. History has proven that terror is self-destructive," he said, adding, "Islam is not violent. It is tolerant. Islam teaches the beauty of life. The terrorists who claim to act in the name of Islam are casting a stain on it. Both the Bible and the Koran praise life."

His speech was well-received.

Both Prime Minister Shimon Peres and opposition Leader Binyamin Netanyahu addressed the temporary plenum. Peres said the Jewish people has a warm spot in its heart for Turkey, which has offered haven from persecution in the past, and stressed the good relations the two countries enjoy.

Netanyahu stressed the joint wish of both countries for true peace, democracy and development in the region.

Demirel, on the second day of a state visit, attended morning prayers at Al Aksa. The visit to the Temple Mount was described as private.

Then, accompanied by President Ezer Weizman, Demirel rode to Bat Yam, where many Jews of Turkish origin live. He was welcomed by Mayor Yehoshua Saguy and inaugurated the Ataturk Garden.

Demirel also met with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak. Earlier the foreign ministers of both countries had held a working session to coordinate positions on terror before today's Sharm e-Sheikh conference.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	-06	21	02	36	clear
Berlin	-06	19	00	32	cloudy
Buenos Aires	22	72	35	77	rain
Cairo	11	52	24	75	pt.cloudy
Chicago	01	34	09	48	pt.cloudy
Copenhagen	-04	25	01	34	snow
Frankfurt	-06	21	01	34	cloudy
Gibraltar	-02	28	05	41	clear
Helsinki	-10	14	01	34	clear
Hong Kong	14	57	15	59	rain
Jo'burg	16	61	28	84	clear
Lisbon	10	50	19	66	pt.cloudy
London	01	34	03	37	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	57	20	68	cloudy
Madrid	06	43	12	54	clear
Montreal	-05	23	02	36	
Moscow	-08	18	02	36	cloudy
New York	03	37	06	43	clear
Paris	-04	25	05	41	clear
Stockholm	-05	23	03	37	clear
Sydney	17	63	24	75	clear
Tokyo	05	41	09	48	clear
Toronto	-08	18	02	36	clear
Vienna	-04	25			snow
Zurich	-05	23	00	32	cloudy

Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, king of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 3, 14, 22, 40, 43 and 47 and the additional number was 17.

Psychologist testifies Amir was legally sane when he shot Rabin

RAINE MARCUS

A PSYCHOLOGIST and member of the team which examined Yigal Amir in prison yesterday confirmed the confessed assassin was sane when he murdered prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Avi Weil, chief clinical psychologist at a Health Ministry mental health center, said Amir suffers from narcissistic and schizoid tendencies, but distinguishes between "the permitted and the forbidden" and is in no way psychopathic.

"Many of us suffer from the same tendencies," said Weil, "which do not border on insanity or psychopathology."

Weil was summoned by the defense and, in spite of lawyer Shmuel Fleischman's intensive and lengthy cross-examinations, refused to admit that Amir is mentally disturbed.

Before his testimony, defense lawyer Jonathan Goldberg brought psychologist Alan Kaye into the courtroom and asked Judge Edmond Levy for permission for Kaye to testify for the defense. Levy refused, since Kaye had not even examined Amir.

Previous claims by the defense that Rabbis Yoel Bin-Nun and Aharon Lichtenstein would appear as witnesses were proved incorrect yesterday after Bin-Nun said on Army Radio that he had not been summoned by the court. Family members said Lichtenstein was abroad.

According to the defense, the two rabbis were to testify on their interpretation of *din rodef* (a religious ruling permitting the killing of a persecutor). Amir has said in previous hearings that he acted according to a *din rodef* on Rabin, but that no one encouraged him to murder him and he had acted alone.

Weil testified at length about Amir's character. He had visited Amir twice in his prison cell, he said, together with a team of psychiatrists.

"He (Amir) believes that he is something special," he said, "and believes he acted as God's emissary. He thinks that nobody understands him except for himself, but believes that he did what he did for the good of mankind."

He described Amir as an individualist, acting alone without consulting anyone, "but at the same time without being alienated from his surroundings."

He added that, while Amir has no problem forming rational or intellectual relationships, he is practically incapable of emotional or intimate ones. On Sunday the prosecution will begin its summation.

Court orders state to reveal classified evidence to Haggai Amir's defense

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court Justice Zvi Tal yesterday ordered the state to reveal one of the pieces of classified evidence in the trial of Haggai Amir, saying it could lead to his acquittal on charges of conspiring to murder Yitzhak Rabin.

According to Amir's attorney, Moshe Meroz, the prosecution told him it is now considering dropping this charge altogether, to avoid revealing the evidence in question. A decision is expected within the next few days.

Amir is charged with conspiracy to kill Rabin, conspiracy to commit terror against Arabs, and illegal possession and manufacture of weapons.

Meroz had asked the court a month ago to order all 11 of the classified pieces of evidence revealed, saying they could be crucial to the defense. The state objected, saying this evidence was irrelevant to the defense, and would endanger national security by revealing the General Security Service's methods of operation.

Tal agreed with the state regarding 10 of the 11 items. However, he said, one item contained "a statement relating to the first charge [conspiracy to kill Rabin], which is likely to be important, and maybe even very important, to the defense.

"It is possible that the court, which hears all the evidence, will give this statement its full weight, and then it will have great importance with respect to the first charge. [Amir] is being tried on very serious charges, and we cannot keep from him a tool which could lead to even his partial acquittal," said Tal.

After coming to the conclusion that this statement was important, Tal said, he held another hearing with the prosecution, at which the latter continued to protest revealing the item, and suggested giving the defense a paraphrase of the statement instead. However, Tal said, he concluded that a paraphrase would not have anything close to the value of the actual statement.

The general rule, Tal noted, is that the more important a piece of evidence is to the defense, and the smaller the damage to national security, the greater the tendency to reveal it. In this case, he said, the potential importance to the defense is great, while the danger to security from revealing the information does not appear "severe enough to prevent revealing the evidence."

Therefore, he said, justice demands that this piece of evidence be given to the defense, unless the prosecution decides to drop the charge of conspiracy to kill Rabin.

Daylight Saving Time: Tomorrow midnight

DAYLIGHT Saving Time will begin tomorrow at midnight and last until the end of Rosh Hashana on September 15, the Interior Ministry announced. This will be the longest period of Daylight Saving Time the country has known – 185 days. At midnight on Thursday clocks are to be moved forward to 1 a.m. *Itim*

Yatom, Saguy vying for top Mossad job

JUDY SIEGEL and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE retiring head of the Mossad will be the next director-general of the Maccabi health fund, replacing Rafi Roter, who resigned recently after being convicted of fraud.

Maccabi's management met Monday to approve the nomination and announced it yesterday. The name of the Mossad director will be disclosed when he enters his new post on June 1.

Maccabi, the second-largest health fund with about a million members, suffered a serious blow to its image with the conviction of Roter, director-general for the last 14 years and previously director-general of the National Insurance Institute. Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court found he had used Maccabi's tax-free status to benefit from a loan it gave to a private company, Procardia.

The retirement of the Mossad head is expected to launch a succession battle. Reportedly jockeying for the job are Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, military aide to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Uri Saguy, a former OC Intelligence. Other candidates come from within the Mossad.

Peres is to make a decision shortly, Itim reported.

The outgoing Mossad head was considered close to the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. In his 50s, he assumed office in March 1989, after heading the Mossad's operations arm and serving as deputy to Nahum Admoni. Before coming to the Mossad, he was in the IDF's elite Sayeret Matkal commando unit. He is considered by insiders as a "super professional."

He was to have ended his Mossad career last October, but Rabin extended his term until the end of this year.

Yatom, who was also Rabin's military aide, has reportedly long pushed for the Mossad position. He has represented the military in peace talks with the Syrians. In the eight months since he retired from the army, Saguy joined the Labor Party, declared and then withdrew his candidacy for the Knesset, and has since sought a top security position.

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